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Description

These documents, which cover the years 1885-1910, consist of photocopies of newspaper articles and interviews, primarily from the *Fort Myers News-Press*, relating to Edison's activities and winter home in Florida. Included are numerous articles concerning the arrival and departure of Edison, his family, and associates such as Ezra T. Gilliland, Walter S. Mallory, and Robert H. Thompson. There are also items pertaining to Edison's fishing trips, health, and recovery from ear surgery; the social activities of Mina Miller Edison; various renovations to his property, including the construction of a dock and the installation of an irrigation system; and Edison's donation of royal palm trees to the town of Fort Myers. Other articles mention local exhibitions of the kinetoscope; Edison's interest in the extraction of oils from grapefruits and oranges; and his ideas regarding the presence of potash in water from the Caloosahatchee River and local artesian wells. Some of the items relate to Edison's electric launch; his membership in the Fort Myers Yachting and Country Club; and a river steamer named in his honor, in which the inventor apparently had no interest. The clippings also contain information about other part-time residents, visitors, and individuals of local significance in the Fort Myers community; the social and economic life of the town; improvements in railroad service; early electrification projects; and the erection of a sea wall, which Edison favored. A few articles concern Ambrose M. McGregor, president of the Standard Oil Co., who owned property adjacent to Edison's. McGregor's property was sold to a local interest after his death in 1900 and was purchased by Edison in 1906.

Four clippings from 1926-1933, pertaining to the Edison family's relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, were added in July 2010.

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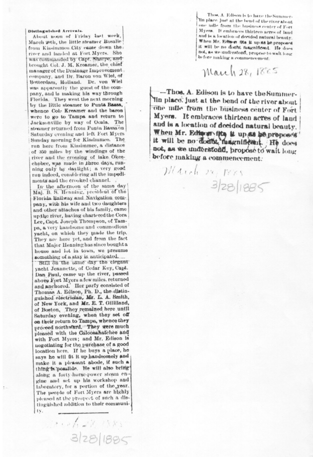

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Editor's Notes
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Editor's Notes
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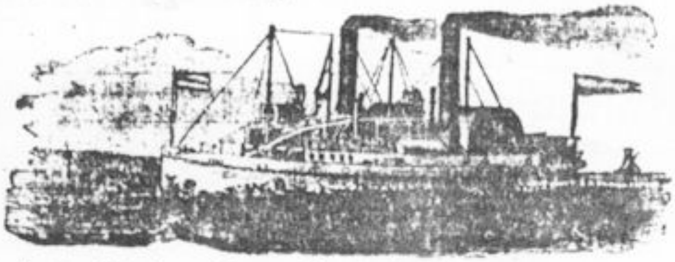

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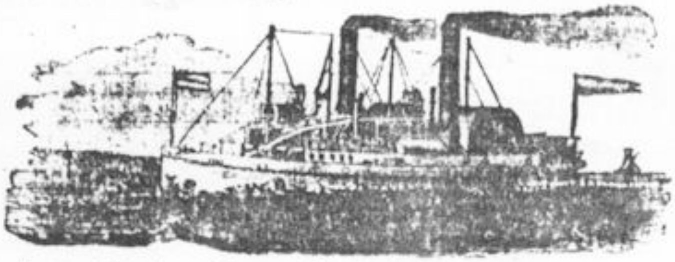

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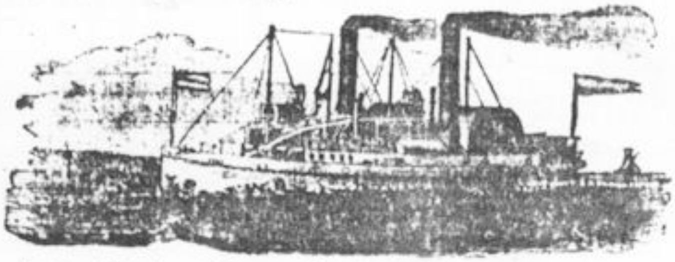

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"St. Augustine can lodge a couple of thousand visitors comfortably, and it was crowded all last winter. Among its guests were a number of American lions of the first class. Edison, the electrician, came down early in the season to recruit, and remained several months. Instead of finding the climate too relaxing, he complained a good deal of the wet and cold; but last winter was exceptionally bad in Florida as in every other part of the States. Before returning home, he indulged in a curious escapade. By way of adventure, he proposed to his friends to finish up with a cruise in the Gulf. They agreed, and the party started for Cedar Keys, where they hired a small schooner. In this they coasted down to Tampa, then to Sarasota bay and on to Charlotte harbor. While he was smoking his cigar under the veranda of the hotel at Punta Rassa, he saw a gentleman and his family putting off in a sloop. It struck him that they were starting on a queer voyage, and he asked where they were going. 'Up the Caloosahatchee,' was the reply. Finding that he could have a glimpse of this unknown stream in a couple of days, he changed his course for Fort Myers, a Rip van Winkle settlement about twenty miles up the river, on the site of one of the old forts built to watch the Seminole Indians. On reaching the little town, he took so kindly to its solitude and its charming old-world ways, that it seemed to him the very place for a winter home. The local land agent eagerly submitted to him a list of the eligible 'lots' that were in the market, and before he had been twenty-four hours in the place, he was one of its freeholders. He went off, promising to return next year and do great things for Fort Myers. A Florida branch of his laboratory, including a forty-horse power engine and an electric light to illuminate the bluff, are among the boons expected from him; but Mr. Edison's plans are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians: they may have been changed several times before next winter. But he was a social attraction for Fort Myers, and also for St. Augustine, while he lasted."

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Word comes that TAE is bringing marterials to Fort Myers to construct his new building.

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October 31,1885

Letter From Thos. A. Edison.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23d 1885.

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Letter from TAE printed in Ft. Myers newspaper in which he details plans for laboratory. [Selected Document]

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Huelsenkamp and Cranford

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Editor's Notes
The people of Fort Myers expect TAE to place lights on the Calhoosahatchee before that coming Spring.

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Editor's Notes
Mr. Eli Thompson arrives in Fort Myers to prepare for TAE's arrival. Thompson has cleared land for the erection of the buildings. TAE is builing his new laboratory and two dwellings, one for himself, and one for Mr. Gilliand. The ready-framed buildings have been shipped from New York and will tak approx. 30 days to arrive.

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Editor's Notes
Eli Thompson is preparing for the building of TAE's buildings. He is waiting for the building frames to arrive from New York. Wharf being built under the direction of Joseph Vivas. TAE's new dock is in progress and catching the attention of the public. Many people are looking forward to the improvements TAE has promised to bring to Fort Myer.

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Editor's Notes
Headline: Edison and Gilliland Form a Copartnership. Edison is continuing to build the wharf and dock. Fort Myers is to be the team's headquarters. The article tells of Gilliland's work with Alexander Graham Bell on the telephone as well as his other accolades and interests. Gilliland has been a pioneer for the telephone in cities like Chicago, Houston, and some work in Europe, and is now moving to Fort Myers to work on new fields with TAE.

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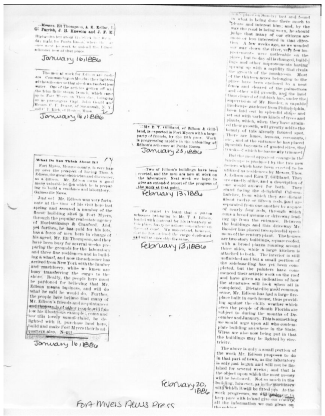

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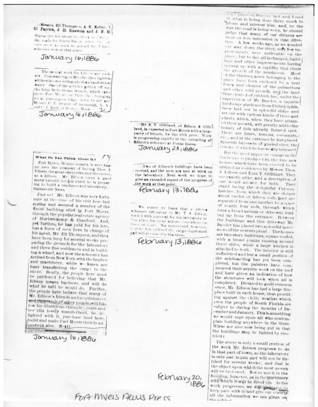

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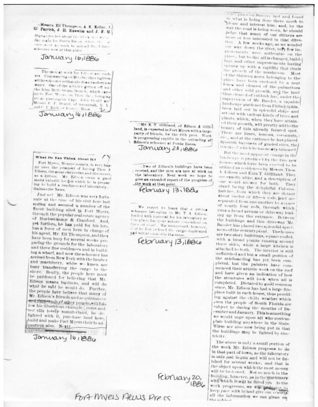

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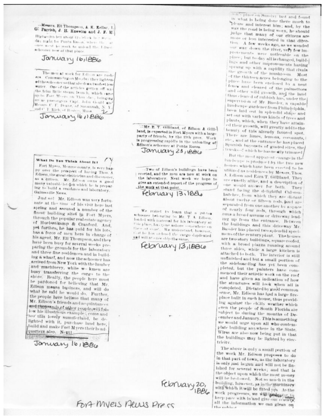

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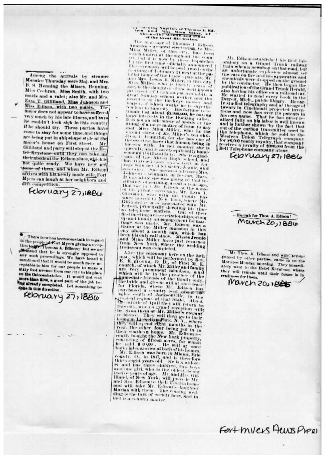

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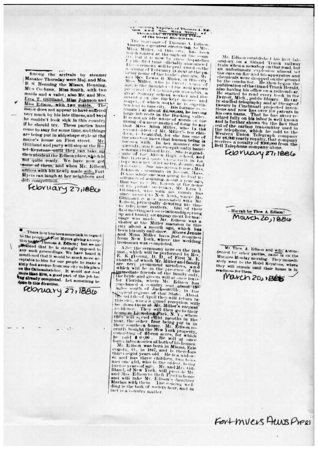

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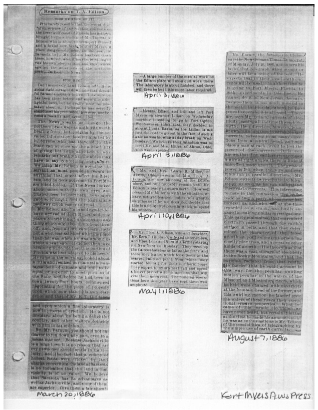

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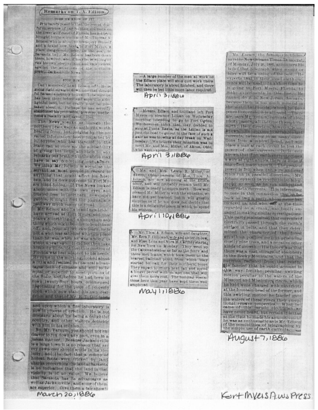

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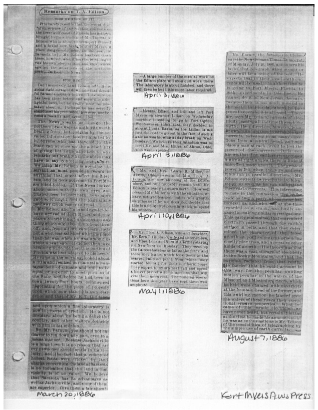

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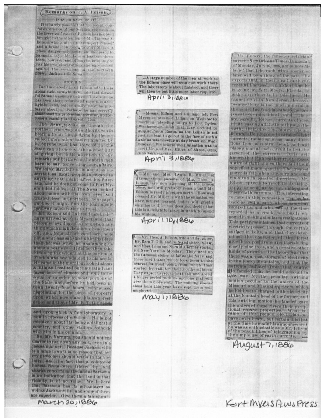

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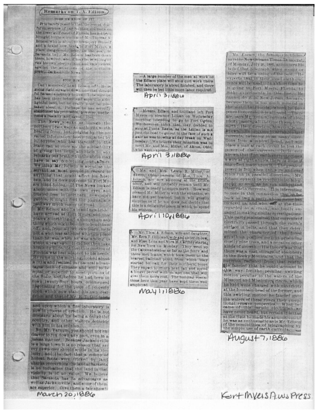

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Mr. Edison and "a brand new bride" have arrived at Fort Myers, and that places something of a damper on anything which might be done to head them off; and, from all we can learn, he is not a whit less satisfied with this place than he was when he was among us about a year ago. It did not then take him long to decide that this portion of Florida was best adapted to his needs. He came in the morning, looked about a little and realized our natural advantages both of climate and soil, to be equal or superior to most portions of the State, and, before he had been in town twenty-four hours, commenced negotiating for the piece of property upon which now stand his own residence and that of Mr. E. T. Gilliland, and upon which a fine laboratory is now in process of erection. He is not mistaken about its being a delightful country, and other visitors coincide with him in his opinion.

No, Mr. Varnum, you should not endeavor to run down any part, even in a jocose manner. Because Jacksonville is a large town it is no reason that every newcomer should settle in its vicinity; and the fact that a colony of honest Scots were tricked by land sharks concerning the land at Sarasota is no indication that the land in that vicinity is of no value. We believe that Sarasota has its advantages as well as Jacksonville; and some of them are superior. Give them a fair show!

March 20, 1886

—A large number of the men at work on the Edison place will soon quit work there The laboratory is about finished, and there will then be but little more labor required.

April 3, 1886

—Messrs. Edison and Gilliland left Fort Myers on steamer Lillian on Wednesday morning intending to go to Fort Ogden. We however think that they decided to stop at Punta Rassa, as the Lillian is not just the boat to go out in the face of such a gale as was blowing at day break on Wednesday. We believe their intention was to meet Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Akron, Ohio, who were expected.

April 3, 1886

—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Miller, of Akron, Ohio, parents of Mrs. Thos. A. Edison, are now stopping at the Edison place, and will probably remain until Mr. Edison is ready to return north. How well pleased Mr. Miller is with the situation, we have not yet learned, but it will greatly surprise us if he too does not decide that this is a delightful place in which to spend his winters.

April 10, 1886

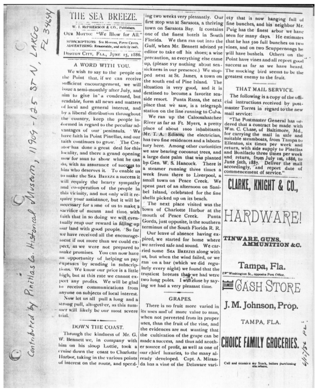
—Mr. Thos. A. Edison, wife and daughter, Mr. Ezra T. Gilliland, wife and sister-in-law, and Miss Lena and Nora M. Carthey started for New York on Monday. They went up the Caloosahatchee as far as the ferry and there met teams which took them to the nearest railroad point, from which they started by rail for their northern home. They expect to return next fall and spend a longer period with us and one that will give them more rest. The building operations here this year have kept them well employed.

May 1, 1886

Mr. Edison, the famous electrician, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, of Monday, July 26, 1886, announces his belief that telegraph wires sooner or later will be a thing of the past. He expects that in their stead earth currents will be used. In a short time he is going to Fort Myers, Florida, to make experiments in this line. He cannot do it in New Jersey, he says, because there is too much mineral in the soil. In Florida, where he proposes to operate, it is all sand. There are, says Mr. Edison, currents of electricity passing all the time through the earth; their direction, however, is unknown. He proposes to arrange eight currents, radiating in as many directions from a central point, and will place a man at each circuit to test the power of the currents. It is well known that if an earth current crosses a wire at right angles there is little if any effect made upon it. The greatest power is felt when the wire and currents run in parallel directions. Mr. Edison epxects to revolutionize telegraphy so soon as he can understand these earth currents. It is interesting to note in this connection that as far back as 1864 a party whose name has escaped us, and who was at the time regarded as a crank, was busily engaged in making similar investigations. This party maintained that currents of electricity passed through the earth's surface in belts, and that they determined the character of the forest growth—a positive current producing mostly pine trees, and a negative other kinds of growth. His theory was that there was a vast storage of electricity in the Rocky Mountains, and that the currents radiated from that centre. He fancied that he could account in this way for the peculiar swirling motion peculiar to the waters of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, which he held were charged with electricity at the fountain-head of the former, and this swirling motion he fancied gave the waters of these rivers their exceptional erosive properties. What became of this pseudo electrician we have never heard, but certain it is that at the time he made his announcement he was as enthusiastic as is Mr. Edison of the possibilities of telegraphing by the simple use of earth currents.

August 7, 1886

Fort Myers News Press



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Now let us all pull a long and a strong pull, altogether, as this summer will likely be our most severe trial.

DOWN THE COAST.

Through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Bennett we, in company with him on his sloop Lottie, took a cruise down the coast to Charlotte Harbor, taking in the various points of interest on the route, and spending two weeks very pleasantly. Our first stop was at Sarasota, a thriving town on Sarasota Bay. It contains one of the finest hotels in South Florida. We then ran out into the Gulf, when Mr. Bennett advised ye editor to take off his shoes; a wise precaution, as everything else came up, (please say nothing about sea-sickness in our presence.) We stopped next at St. James, a town on the south end of Pine Island. The situation is very good, and it is destined to become a favorite sea-side resort. Punta Rassa, the next place that we saw, is a telegraph station on the line running to Cuba.

We ran up the Caloosahatchee River as far as Ft. Myers, a pretty place of about 1000 inhabitants. Mr. T. A. Edison, the electrician, has two fine residences and a laboratory here. Among other curiosities we saw bearing cocoanut trees, and a large date palm that was planted by Gen. W. S. Hancock. There is a steamer running three times a week from there to Liverpool, a small town on Peace Creek. We spent part of an afternoon on Sanibel Island, celebrated for the fine shells picked up on its beach.

The next place visited was the town of Charlotte Harbor at the mouth of Peace Creek. Punta Gorda, just opposite, is the southern terminus of the South Florida R. R.

Our leave of absence having expired, we started for home where we arrived safe and sound. We carried some SEA BREEZES along with us, but when the wind failed, or we ran on a bar (which we did regularly every night) we found that the trustiest breezes that we had were two long poles. I will close by saying we had a very pleasant time.

GRAPES.

There is no fruit more varied in its uses and of more value to man, when not perverted from its proper uses, than the fruit of the vine, and the evidences are not wanting that the cultivation of the grape can be made a success, and thus add another source of profit, as well as one of our chief luxuries, to the many already developed. Capt. A. Miranda has a vine of the Delaware variety that is now hanging full of fine bunches, and his neighbor Mr. Puig has the finest arbor we have seen for many days. He estimates that he has 500 full bunches on two vines, and on two Scuppernongs he will have bushels. Others on the Point have vines and all report good success as far as we have heard. The mocking bird seems to be the greatest enemy to the fruit.

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THE FORT MYERS PRESS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1886.

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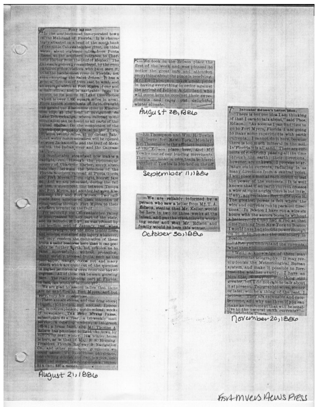

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A comfortable steamboat now makes a daylight run, through the picturesque scenery of Charlotte Harbor, every alternate day, between the terminus of the Florida Southern railroad at Punta Gorda and Fort Myers. Time eight hours; fare $4. And we are promised, during the fall of 1886, a steamboat line between Tampa and Fort Myers, and another between Kissimmee City and Fort Myers. Two railroads have announced their intention of constructing through Fort Myers to their southern termini on the Gulf.

For salubrity the Caloosahatchee valley is unsurpassed by any part of the state, and its latitude, 26 1-2°, as was proved by the terrible cold of January, 1886, when neither oranges, nor the more tender limes and lemons, sustained any injury whatever, not only renders the cultivation of these fruits a safer business here than it can possibly be further north, but enables us to raise successfully, without protection, many strictly tropical fruits, such as the pine apple, mango, cocoa nut and many others which are quite out of the question in higher latitudes of even from one to two degrees. All of these can be seen growing here. The really tropical part of Florida, in fact, lies south of latitude 27°.

We are glad to assure ladies that there are no sand-flies at Fort Myers, and but very, very few mosquitoes.

There are six stores, and one drug-store; church, (Methodist), and another, Episcopal, in contemplation; public school; weekly newspaper, THE FORT MYERS PRESS, subscription $2 a year; a tri-weekly mail service; a debating society; a telegraph office; a brass band, and Mr. Thomas A. Edison has promised to light the town by electricity next winter. His winter home is here, as is that of Maj. B. S. Henning, President Florida Railway & Navigation Co., and other prominent gentlemen we could name. We have three physicians, one visiting dentist and two lawyers, one hotel and several boarding-houses; terms, $2 a day; $30 a month.

August 21, 1886

—We took in the Edison place the first of the week and was pleased to notice the great care and attention everything about the place is receiving. Mr. Eli Thompson takes great pride in having everything in order against the arrival of Edison & Gilliland who will come here to conduct their experiments and enjoy our delightful winter climate.

August 28, 1886

—Eli Thompson and Wm. H. Towles will leave for New York, Monday. Mr. Thompson is the efficient manager of the Edison place here, and Mr. Towles one of our leading merchants. They will make a nice team to travel together if Towles is hitched on the off side.

September 11, 1886

—We are reliably informed by a person who saw a letter from Mr. T. A. Edison, stating that Mr. Keller would be here in two or three weeks at the latest, and put the machinery in working order and that Mr. Edison and family would be here this winter.

October 30, 1886

Inventor Edison's Latest Idea.

"There is but one idea I am thinking of that I care to talk about," said Thos. Edison. "As soon as I can find time to go to Fort Myers, Florida I am going to make some experiments with earth currents. I cannot do it here, because there is too much mineral in the soil. In Florida it is all sand. There are currents of electricity passing all the time through the earth; their directions, however, are unkown. I propose to arrange eight currents, radiating in as many directions from a central point. I will place a man at each circuit to test the power of the currents. It is well known that if an earth current crosses a wire at right angles there is but little, if any, appreciable effect made upon it. The greatest power is felt where the wire and currents run in parallel directions. In Boston I have run a wire six hours with the aurora borealis without a battery. If I had had a rod at that time running from New York to Boston I would have had electric power enough on to it to run all the machinery in Boston."

"After you understand the currents, what then?"

"Well, a knowledge of them may revolutionize telegraphy. It may revolutionize the Meteorological Bureau system, and make it possible to forecast the weather exactly. I have an idea that it may do something still greater, but I do not care to talk about it at present. Telegraphic wires, sooner or later, will be a thing of the past, I believe. They are expensive and cumbersome, and why use them if you can make an instrument that will be sensitive to the natural earth currents?"—Philadelphia Times.

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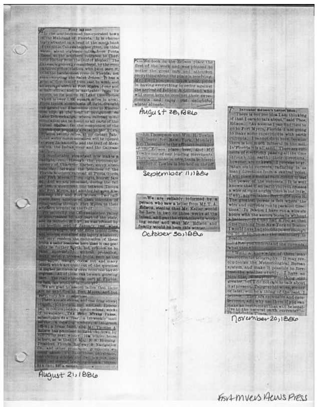
Fort Myers News Press



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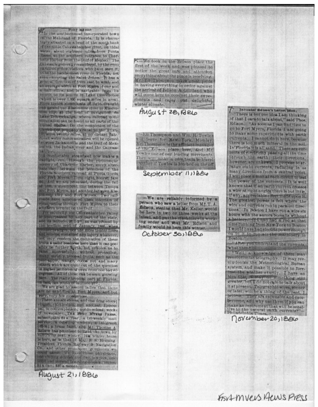

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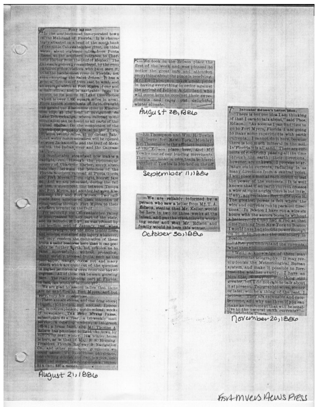

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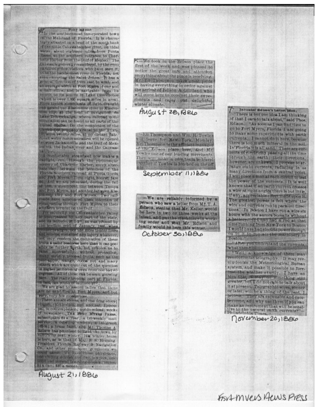

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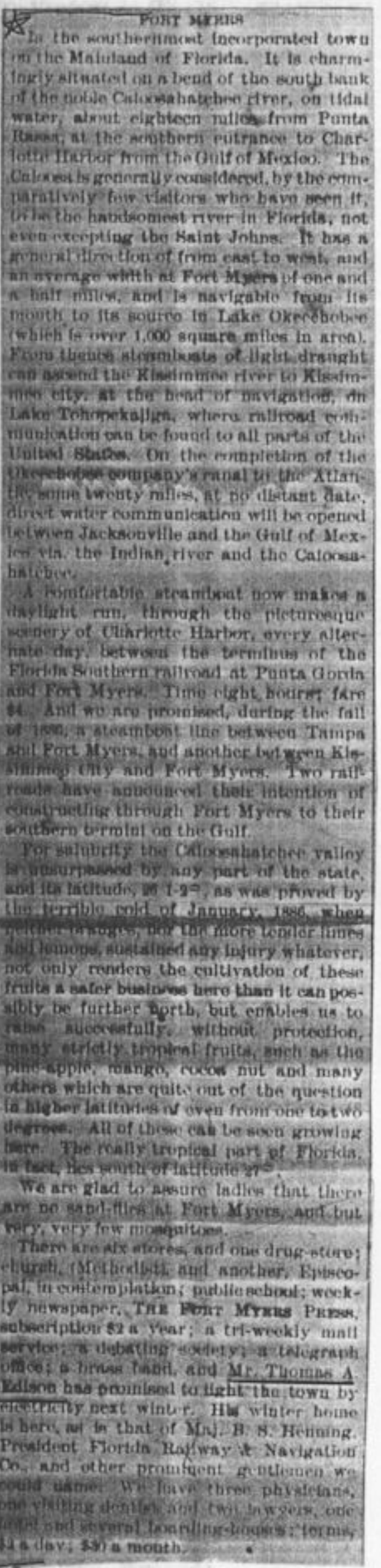

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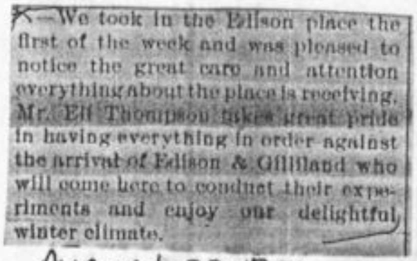

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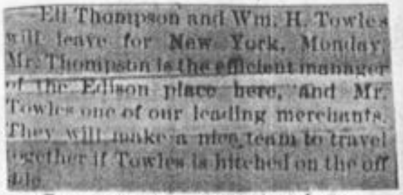

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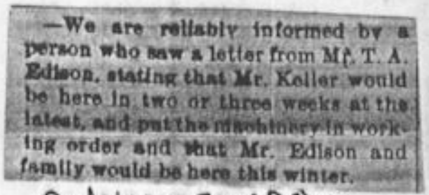

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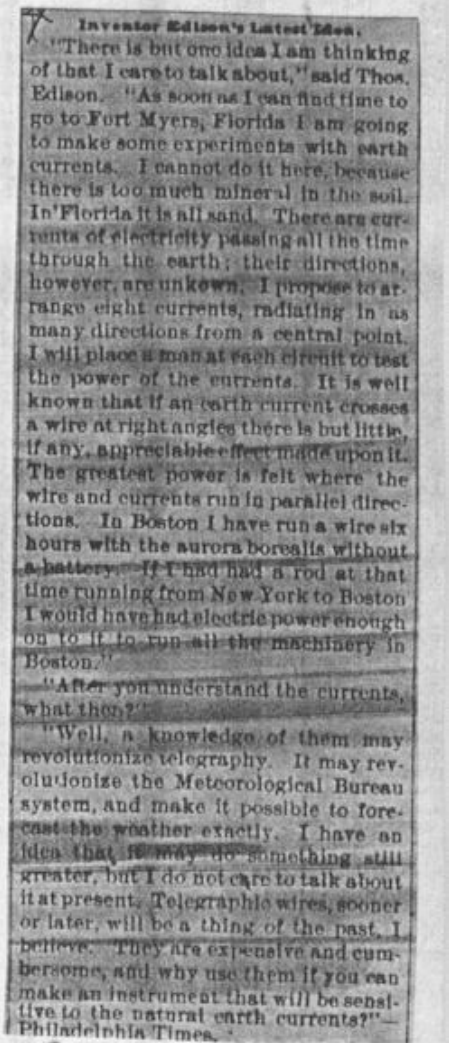

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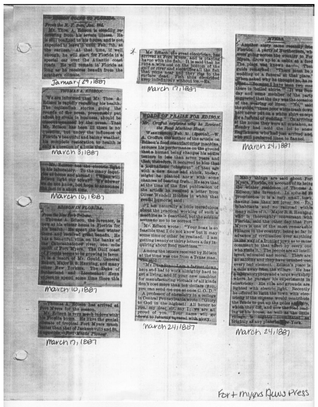

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From the N. Y. Sun, Jan. 22d.

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THOMAS A. EDISON.

We are informed that Mr. Thos. A. Edison is rapidly regaining his health. The outlandish stories going the rounds of the press, presumably put afloat by rivals in business, should be discountenanced by the press. That Mr. Edison has been ill there is no question, but under the influence of Florida's beautiful and balmy weather, his complete restoration to health is only a question of a little time.

March 3, 1887

—Mr. Edison has the electric light in his laboratory. To the many inquiries at home and abroad: "When will Edison light our town?" We answer we do not know, but hope to announce the fact in a short time.

March 10, 1887

EDISON IN FLORIDA.

From the New York Tribune.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is now at his winter home in Florida for his health. He spent the last winter there and received great benefit. He has a beautiful villa on the banks of the Caloosahatchee river, one mile south of Fort Myers. The Gulf coast of Florida seems to be growing in favor. It is a resort of Mr. Gould, General Eckert, Major B. S. Henning, and many other New Yorkers. The Duke of Sutherland and Lieutenant Henn expect to spend some time there this winter.

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—Thomas A. Edison has arrived at Fort Myers for the season.

Mr. Edison is very much in love with his Florida home. He likes the genial climate of tropical Fort Myers much better than that of Jacksonville and St. Augustine.—*Fort Meade Pioneer.*

March 17, 1887

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* Mr. Edison, the great electrician, has arrived at Fort Myers, and is playing havoc with the fish. It is said that he runs a wire out on the bottom of the gulf or river and electrifies all the fish that come near and they rise to the surface dead. Fish thus electrified keep indefinitely without ice.—Ex.

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WORDS OF PRAISE FOR EDISON.

Mr. Croffut explains why he Revived the Food Machine Hoax.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. (*Special*).—W. A. Croffut, the author of the article on Edison's food manufacturing machine, excuses his performance on the ground that a human being changes his entire texture in less than seven years and that, therefore, it occurred to him that a journalistic "chestnut" of that age with a new name and shuck, to-day, might be planted anew with some chances of bearing fruit. He says that at the time of the first publication of the article he received a letter from Oliver Wendell Holmes in which that genial humorist said:

"I am naturally a little incredulous about the practical working of such a machine as is described, but the science seems to me to be correct."

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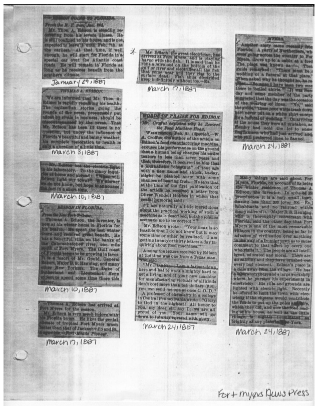

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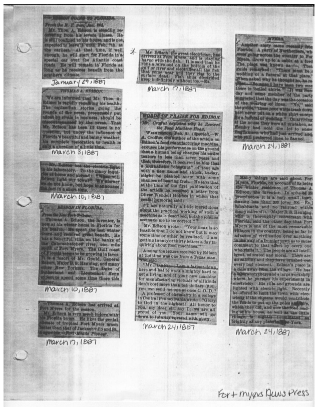

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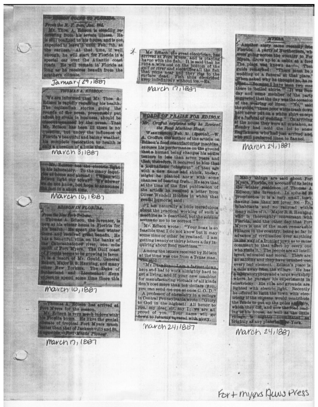

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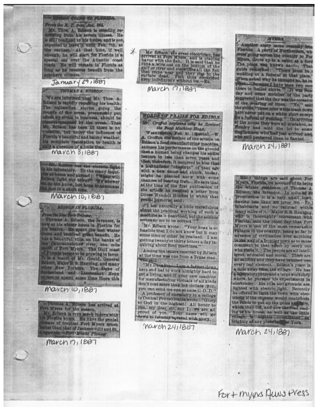

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From the New York World.

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Within one mile of Fort Myers, fronting on the river whose Indian name in the Seminole language signifies "beautiful waters," a group of two houses closely connected and several adjoining buildings attract the attention and bespeak comfort in its broadest sense. These are the homes of Thomas A. Edison, E. T. Gilliland, his business partner, and their laboratory and outbuildings.

As the little steamer glides a few rods by, Fort Myers proper comes in full sight, and a pretty sight it is. Unlike the usual Florida towns, which are mainly composed of roughly built shanties, ugly in their virgin innocence of paint, Fort Myers cannot but establish a striking contrast. Brightly painted and daintily built houses, surrounded by orange, lemon and other trees of a like family, glitter in the 93 deg. of sunlight, and form a picture not easily forgotten. Here and there along the river banks majestic cocoanut trees rear up their heads proudly, giving the place the appearance of a West India settlement.

Much has been said lately of the physical infirmities of the famous electrician who has made his winter home here, and from the widely circulated reports your correspondent had expected to meet a man dying slowly but surely in the agonies of consumption, but an interview with Mr. Edison effectually contradicted the report in every respect.

On entering the gate which leads alike to house and factory, your correspondent made his way up to the laboratory, as being the most likely spot in which to find the enthusiast on electricity. The first gentleman met was Mr. Gilliland, who was superintending the final touches that were being put to the electric plant now in working order and supplying the town with the incandescencies of electricity.

After introducing himself to the gentleman, your correspondent proceeded to take in the sight of a well organized laboratory, situated in a little frontier town miles and miles away from what is known as settled country.

The building is divided into three parts—the boiler-room, the laboratory proper, which occupies one side of the room and whose countless bottles well indicate its use. On the other side are the machinery and dynamos for the production of electricity; the third division is the sanctum and sanctorum of the most wonderful electrician of the times. We entered this last room only to find Mr. Edison's chair vacant, with electrical, mechanical and photographic apparatus lying around in confusion over desk and work-bench alike. To improve the shining hour and in the absence of Mr. Edison, questions about everything connected with Mr. Edison were rained upon his business partner.

"I suppose you have heard of the many reports circulated about Mr. Edison?" queried the World's correspondent.

"Well, if you refer to what was said about his being a physical wreck, incapable of movement and scarcely of consistent thought, I have, and it has been a great source of merriment to us.

"Then Mr. Edison is not as sick as represented.

"By no means, that is to say, not now. He certainly was a sick man at one time, as being treated for a cold in the muscles of the chest and a slight affection of the bronchial tubes, the trouble somehow reached the heart, and it was found necessary several times to administer hypodermic injections of morphine."

"Of course he is over the whole trouble now?"

"Why, he scarcely reached this place, with its invigorating air and tropical sunlight, when he at once rallied, and he is now as hearty and well as ever, and as to his mind, well—his next 'surprise' packet of invention will prove that more than words."

"But, Mr. Gilliland, how is it that reports should have been circulated, giving such untruthful statements about Mr. Edison? Of what use are they?" queried your correspondent in a tone of virtuous indignation.

"My dear sir, don't you know that Mr. Edison is an inventor, a most prolific inventor in that newest of researches, electricity, and that there are others who are following the same road? At every turn of discovery they are confronted with an Edison patent and are compelled to retrace their steps. If Edison becomes incapacitated, or is supposed to be so, the interest centred on him as an electrician falls on their shoulders and they reap the benefits; but I may be saying too much. Here comes Edison himself, so I will run off to my work."

A [illegible] man, apparently 40 years of age, was walking through the door, deep in thought. His face was slightly sunburnt, and he was dressed in dark clothes, white flannel shirt, *rehaussée*, as the French would say, by a jaunty tie. A wide-brimmed straw hat crowned the [illegible] completed the costume. It was [illegible] he was making his way into the laboratory. With the proverbial timidity of the newspaper man, your correspondent glided toward him, with a conciliatory bow and a "Good afternoon, Mr. Edison." To his astonishment he received no answer, no acknowledgement. Your correspondent evolved with rapidity in his mind a little side play, putting himself *en scene* as a poor newspaper man whose journalistic reputation depended upon the successful interview, and figuring Edison as a martyr to his pity and commiseration and opening the floodgates of his memory, but the little scene went up in smoke, crushed in the bud by Mr. Gilliland, who had witnessed all, and apologized for Mr. Edison, saying that the gentleman was very deaf, and had not heard my *prelude* remark.

Once introduced, and in spite of his hardness of hearing, Mr. Edison proved himself a most pleasant talker and a genial gentleman, entirely unaffected by his great successes in life and, still more to the point, perfectly willing to be catechised.

"Mr. Edison," said your correspondent, "I have come 1,500 miles to say 'How do you do?'"

"Well, sir," said the electrician, "I am quite well, thank you."

Of course this meant and said in a nutshell all that the World wanted to know in behalf of its readers; but as details had to be asked, and it being rather hard to formulate a question which would almost involve the sanity of what appeared to be the possessor of more than ordinary mental calibre, your correspondent had to exercise great care.

"I understand from some reports that you have been compelled to seek rest and forego your electrical researches for the present?" nervously queried the reporter.

"Rest! Why, I have come down here to work harder, if anything. I will tell you how I rest; I am working on at least six or seven different ideas. When I get tired of one I switch off onto another, and alternate to such an extent that I have a constant succession of new and pleasurable efforts."

"But don't you get confused in that manner?"

"Not in the least. On the contrary, when working on one idea I often drop in something helping another idea, because they mostly tend to one grand result."

"Don't you feel any effects of your past sickness?"

"Why, I can't say that I do, unless this one," and the electrician bared an arm showing an ugly little sore on it.

"What is that?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, nothing much. When administering an injection during my sickness the syringe probably struck a nerve, and this is the result; but it is healing now, although I still feel a twinge now and again when I move it rapidly."

"Then I can say emphatically that you are well?"

"I never felt better in my life. The air here is perfect; the weather, as you see, is beautiful, and the days are a constant succession of blue skies and warm sunshine, and to all this I owe my rapidly returned health."

"Do you intend to stay here always?"

"No. For three months in the year I will stay in Fort Myers and make it the scene of my labors. I will in a few days take a run over to Havana, come back here and return to New York in the beginning of May. This is my itinerary for this year. Omitting the trip to Cuba, my succeeding years will be the same."

"Now about your discoveries, Mr. Edison. How are you progressing, and are you going to take us by storm with something new?"

"I am now working on several ideas, but I can safely say that there is one which, if successful—and I have every reason to think it will be, so far as my present deductions have been realized—will astonish the world and dwarf my previous inventions into insignificance."

"Does it relate to light?"

"You are asking me too much now and I must stop."

"Excuse me, Mr. Edison," blurted the newspaper man, "I do not want to surprise your secrets, but as you have worked already upon two of the most important of our senses, seeing and hearing, I thought you could without divulging a secret tell me if your new discovery related to the other senses."

"Well, I can only say that all the senses generally will be called into play in this invention, if it works out all right."

"Are you not, then, sure of your deductions?"

"No man can be. All electricians work in the dark. They grope and grope, catching on to the slightest clue, which they work upon until its fallacy or use is demonstrated, and then if useful they follow it persistently until the results are accomplished. There is luck in it, and in truth we electricians are discoverers, not inventors."

By this time the machinery in the laboratory warned us in thunder tones to stop talking, and, leading the way, Mr. Edison invited your correspondent to witness the operation which would give to Fort Myers, for the first time in the history of man, that most charming of modern comforts, the electric light.

Mr. Edison, with his usual good nature, had promised to supply this little place with electricity, free of all charge, for three months of each year, and the machinery for the supply was now being put in motion for the first time.

Watching the films of wire inclosed in their little glass cases, forty or more of them being placed in every possible nook and corner, and it was seen that they gradually changed color from black to bluish, then to red, gold, and finally burst out into a radiance that threatened to obscure even the brilliant sun of Fort Myers.

During the whole of this time Mr. Edison watched and talked, alternately scanning the main piece of machinery and relating anecdotes of his former life, telling of jokes which he had perpetrated on his friends, planning new ones—for it must be said Mr. Edison likes fun—and one of his practical jokes will be interesting. He expects his foreman down shortly, and it is intended to score up a piece of belting, fry it and place it before the newcomer as a favorable specimen of Florida beef, of which article of food it has been said that it is so tough that it takes persistent hacking to cut and divide the gravy.

In the course of conversation your correspondent told Mr. Edison that the Duke of Sutherland was at Tampa in his yacht Sans Peur, and the electrician—after detailing a little story about that gentleman, whom he had met in New York and to whom he had shown Harry Hill's place as a sample of what incandescent lighting would do—added that if the Duke would visit him he could be accommodated with all the sand spurs that he wanted. To make the joke lucid, it need only be said that Mr. Edison's place yields him a bountiful crop of those troublesome little pests of a sandy country, and the Duke's yacht favored the pun.

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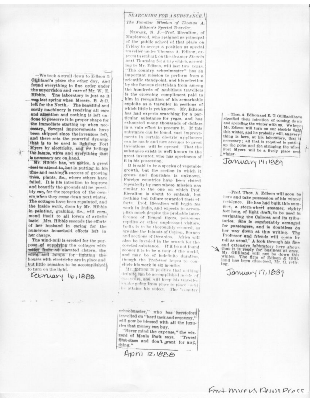

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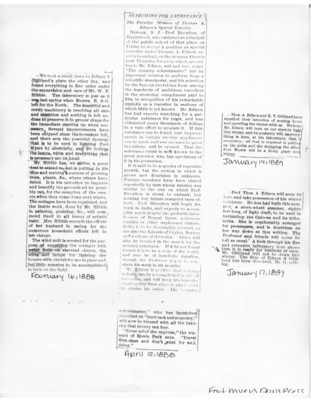

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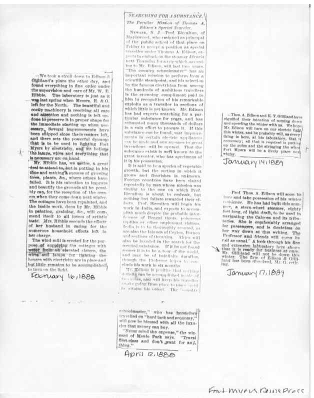

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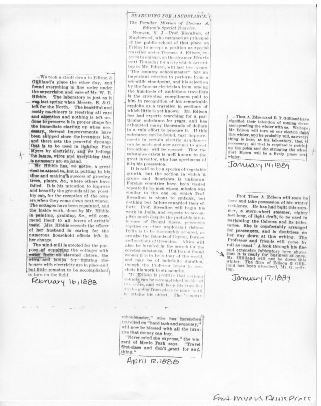

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—We took a stroll down to Edison & Gilliland's place the other day, and found everything in fine order under the supervision and care of Mr. W. E. Hibble. The laboratory is just as it was last spring when Messrs. E. & G. left for the North. The beautiful and costly machinery is receiving all care and attention and nothing is left undone to preserve it in proper shape for the immediate starting up when necessary. Several improvements have been shipped since the inventors left, and there sets the powerful dynamo that is to be used in lighting Fort Myers by electricity, and we believe the lamps, wires and everything that is necessary are on hand.

Mr. Hibble has, we notice, a great deal to attend to, but is putting in his time and making a success of growing trees, plants, &c., where others have failed. It is his intention to improve and beautify the grounds all he possibly can, for the reception of the owners when they come down next winter. The cottages have been repainted, and the inside work, done by Mr. Hibble in painting, graining, &c., will commend itself to all lovers of artistic taste. Mrs. Hibble seconds the efforts of her husband in caring for the numerous household effects left in her charge.

The wind-mill is erected for the purpose of supplying the cottages with water from an elevated cistern, the wires and lamps for lighting the houses with electricity are in place and but little remains to be accomplished to turn on the light.

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SEARCHING FOR A SUBSTANCE.

The Peculiar Mission of Thomas A. Edison's Special Traveler.

NEWARK, N. J.—Prof. Riecalton, of Maplewood, who resigned as principal of the public school of that place on Friday to accept a position as special traveller under Thomas A. Edison, expects to embark on the steamer *Etruria* next Thursday for a trip which, according to Mr. Edison, will last two years. "The country schoolmaster" has an important mission to perform from a scientific standpoint, and his selection by the famous electrician from among the hundreds of ambitious travellers is the crowning compliment paid to him in recognition of his remarkable exploits as a traveller in sections of which little is yet known. Mr. Edison has had experts searching for a particular substance for years, and has exhausted many thousands of dollars in a vain effort to procure it. If this substance can be found, vast improvements in certain electric appliances can be made and new avenues to great inventions will be opened. That the substance exists is well known to the great inventor, who has specimens of it in his possession.

It is said to be a species of vegetable growth, but the section in which it grows and flourishes is unknown. Foreign countries have been visited repeatedly by men whose mission was similar to the one on which Prof. Riecalton is about to embaak, but nothing but failure rewarded their efforts. Prof. Riecalton will begin his work in India, and expects to accomplish much despite the probable interference of Bengal tigers, poisonous reptiles or other unpleasant visitors. India is to be thoroughly scoured, as are also the Islands of Ceylon, Borneo and sections of Oceanica. Africa will also be invaded in the search for the coveted substance. If it be not found sooner it is to be a tour of the world, and may be of indefinite duration, though the Professor hopes to conclude his work in six months.

Mr. Edison is positive that nothing definite can be accomplished inside of two years, and will keep his traveller awake going from place to place until he attains his object. The "country schoolmaster," who has heretofore travelled on "hard tack and economy," will now be blessed with all the luxuries that money can buy.

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A WIZARD'S EARLY DAYS.

How Edison, the Great Inventor, Came East—He cut a Funny Figure, But Astonished the Operators—Disposing of His Telegraph Inventions.

From the N. Y. Sun.

"I don't think," said a friend of Thomas A. Edison some days ago to a group seated in the rear room of one of the most comfortable hostelries of Orange, "that you ever heard the story of how the wizard first came East. He was only a young man, careless, generous, jovial and totally ignorant of the value of a dollar. He had been knocking round in Western towns in various small telegraph offices until the reputation of his wonderful swiftness as an operator got him into the central office of a Western city. From there he was ordered to report to Boston to fill a vacancy. It was warm weather for the season when he started East, and he donned linen trousers and a duster. By the time he had reached Boston the weather had got cold, raw and stormy. He didn't care, and reported just as he was. Linen trousers and duster, topped by a slouch, broad-brimmed hat, weren't the fashion in Boston in the best of weather, and on a raw day a man with a limp, wet duster on and wet linen trousers sticking to his legs was something to provoke a smile. He walked into the superintendent's room and said:

"'Here I am.'

"The superintendent eyed him from head to foot and said:

"'Who are you?'

"'Tom Edison.'

"'Who the deuce is Tom Edison?'

"The young operator explained that he had been ordered to report for duty, and the superintendent told him to sit down in the operating room. His advent here created much merriment, and the operators guyed him loud enough for him to hear them. He didn't care, though. Several hours later a New York sender noted for his swiftness called the office and there was no one to take him.

"'Well, let the new fellow try him, anyway,' said the superintendent. Young Edison sat down, and for four hours and a half wrote out messages in a clear, round hand, stuck a date and number on them and threw them on the floor for the office boy to pick up. The time he took in numbering and dating were the only moments he was not writing out transmitted words. Faster and faster ticked the instrument, and faster and faster Edison's fingers, till the rapidity with which

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the message came tumbling out and on the floor attracted the attention of other operators, who, when their work was done, gathered around to witness the spectacle. At the close of four hours and a half, and the New York business, there flashed from New York the salutation:

"'Hello!'

"'Hello yourself,' ticked back Edison.

"'Who the dickens are you?' rattled into the office.

"'Tom Edison,' was ticked back.

"'Shake, Tom Edison,' came over the wires.

"'With all my heart,' was the reply.

"'You are the first man in the country,' said the instrument, 'that could ever take me at my fastest, and the only one who could ever sit at the other end of my wire for more than

two hours and a half. I'm proud to know you.'

"Mr. Edison had been experimenting and studying and improving telegraphy ever since he was nineteen years old. He patented some of his inventions. He left the Boston office to try and sell his multiplex system to the Western Union. He was a careless looking young fellow when he walked into the office one day in New York and asked them if they wanted to buy a patent.

"'What is it?' they asked.

"'Why, means of sending two messages over the same wire in different directions at the same time,' said the young inventor.

"The Western Union officials lay back in their chairs and shouted in merriment.

"'Don't bother us with such nonsense as that,' said one at last.

"Mr. Edison tried to sell it to one of the rival companies that existed at the time. They also laughed to scorn the idea of doing such a feat.

"'Well," remarked the inventor as he turned carelessly away, 'if you ever get anything the matter with your plant that you can't straighten out yourselves, send round for me.'

"He took a little office and announced himself an electrical and telegraphic expert. Some time afterward the company had trouble with its Albany wire. The wire wasn't broken, but wouldn't work, and several days of investigation on the part of the company's electricians only served to puzzle them the more. As a forlorn hope they sent for young Edison.

"'How long will you give me?' he asked.

"The manager laughed.

"'Six hours?' asked Edison.

"The manager laughed louder and told him he'd need longer time than that. Edison sat down at the instrument, established communication with Albany by way of Pittsburg, told the Albany office to put their best man at the instrument, and began a careful and rapid series of tests with all currents of all intensities. He had his Pittsburg circuit instrument by his side and directed the Albany operator in each movement from his end. The steps were simultaneous, and the Albany man telegraphed the result of each test. Edison compared them, made calculations, and in two hours and a half told the officials that the trouble existed at a certain point he named on the line, and told them what it was. The officials telegraphed the office nearest this point, and an hour later messages were tripping gayly between New York and Albany. The company made him their superintendent immediately. Now he was in a position to command respect and attention. He induced the companies to test his patents, and sold them rapidly. He much improved his multiplex system, and sold that to the Western Union at ten times what he would have taken for it at the time they laughed at his first proposition. He simply informs the Western Union now when he has invented something new in telegraph. Does it work? It works. How much? Hundred thousand. Check. That's the way he sells all his inventions now-a-days.

"The public doesn't know it, but there are in the safes of the Western Union patents which, if applied, would nearly double the efficiency of the telegraph in the interest of public convenience. They are not used because it costs money to put them into use, and there is no competition to compel the Western Union to do the best it knows how to do. The company buys Mr. Edison's inventions, partly because they may want to use them some day, but chiefly because they don't want them to get into the hands of people who might by these means become dangerous competitors. They have to pay a fortune for each invention, and don't expect to use it when they get it, but the retention of their secure monopoly makes the policy a paying one."

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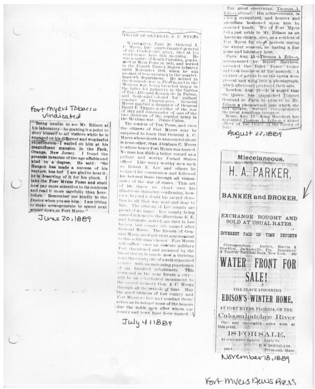

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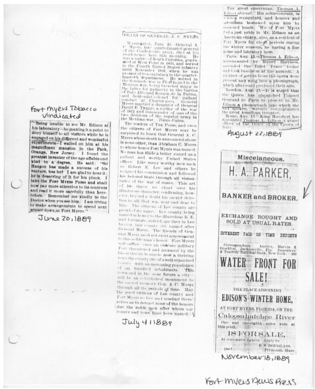

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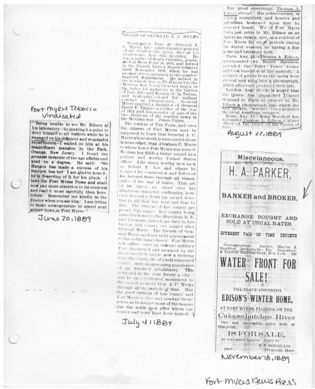

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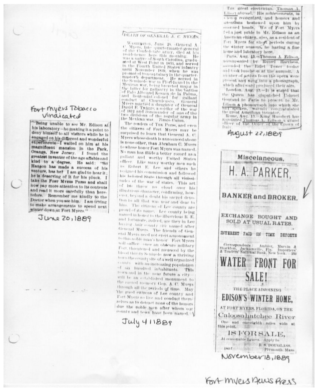

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Fort Myers Tobacco Vindicated

Being unable to see Mr. Edison at his laboratory—he making it a point to deny himself to all visitors while he is engaged on his different and wonderful experiments—I waited on him at his magnificent mansion in the Park, Orange, New Jersey. I found the greatest inventor of the age affable and kind to a degree. He said: "So Hanson has made a success of his venture, has he? I am glad to hear it; he is deserving of it for his pluck. I take the Fort Myers Press and shall now pay more attention to its contents and read it more carefully than heretofore. Remember me kindly to the Doctor when you see him. I am trying to make arrangements to spend next winter down at Fort Myers."

June 20, 1889

DEATH OF GENERAL A. C. MYERS.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—General A. C. Myers, late quartermaster-general of the Confederate army, died at his residence here this morning. He was a native of South Carolina, graduated at West Point in 1833, and served in the Fourth United States infantry until November 1839, when he was promoted to a captaincy in the quartermaster's department. He served in the Seminole war in Florida and in the Mexican war, being breveted major in the latter for gallantry in the battles of Palo Alto and Kesaca de la Palma, and lieutenant-colonel for gallant conduct at Churubusco. General Myers married a daughter of General David E. Twiggs, a soldier of the war of 1812 and commander of one of the two divisions of the regular army in the Mexican war.—*Times-Union.*

The readers of THE PRESS, and even the citizens of Fort Myers may be surprised to learn that General A. C. Myers whose death is announced above is none other, than Abraham C. Myers to whose honor Fort Myers was named. No man has made a better record as a gallant and worthy United States officer. Like many worthy men such as Robert E. Lee and others he resigned his commission and followed his beloved State through all vicissitudes of the war of states. This act of his threw no cloud over his illustrious character, confirming, however, beyond a doubt his sacred devotion to all that was near and dear to him. The citizens of Lee county are proud of its name. Lee county being named in honor to the illustrious R. E. and fortunate, indeed, are they in Lee having their county site named after General Myers. The friends of General Myers need not erect a monument to this noble man's honor Fort Myers will suffice—once an obscure military Fort, threatened and menaced by the blood thirsty Seminole now a thriving town the county site of a well organized county with an increasing population of six hundred inhabitants. This town and in the near future a city—will be an established monument to the sacred memory Gen. A. C. Myers through all the periods of time. May the good citizens of Lee county and Fort Myers so live and conduct themselves as to detract none of the honors due the noble men after whom our county and town have been named.

July 4 1889

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London, Aug. 13.—It is stated that the Queen has dispatched Colonel Gourand to Paris to present to Mr. Edison a phonograph into which she had spoken, warmly congratulated the great American inventor.

Rome, Aug. 13.—King Humbert has appointed Thomas A. Edison a grand officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

August 22, 1889

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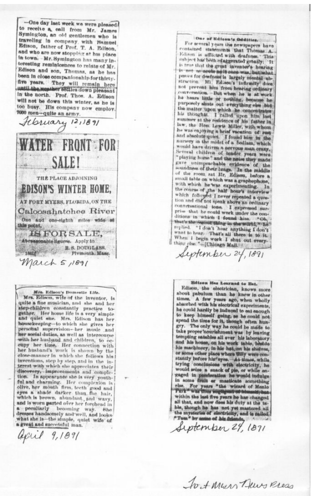

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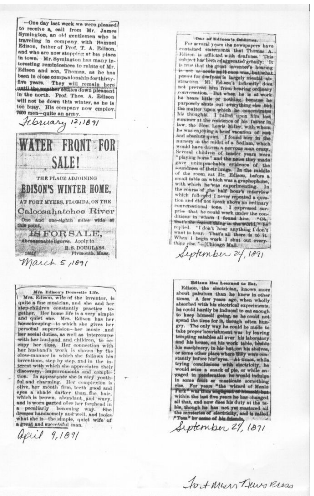

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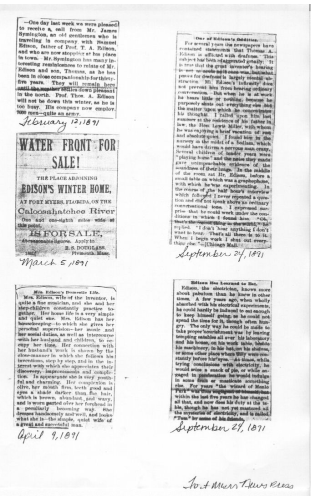

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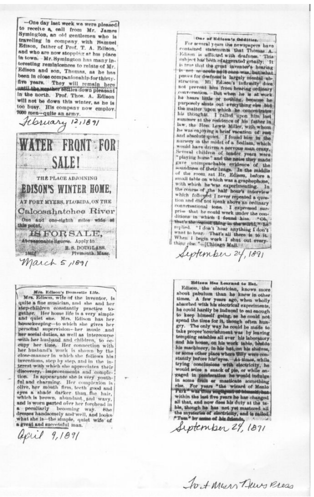

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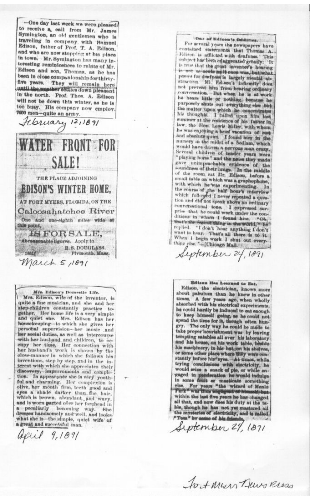

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Pictures Thrown on the Clouds—Splendid Schemes for Illuminating and Decorating the Kinetograph.

Professor Barrett, as chief of the world's fair electrical department, has just been down East and out West and pretty near every other place on the continent where a big lightning factory is to be found. The managers of these factories, or electric plants, whichever they are, are all interested in the world's fair and promise to do wonders when the show begins.

One naturally looks for wonderful things from the electricians and their exhibits. Edison's inventions were the center of as much interest as any other exhibit at the Paris Exposition, and why should they not be at Chicago? Electricity is developed in more different uses now than ever before, and there are new inventions being worked out that may be expected at any time. Anyway, whether there is anything new or not, people like to see blue streaks of electricity flashed through the sky, whether they know how it is done or not. The electrical department expects to make the grandest display shown in the world, and there is little reason, if any, why it should not be done. From the standpoint of the manufacturer and the scientist there will of course be almost endless interesting exhibits, but for the intellectual public there will be electrical novelties of every imaginable kind. No one yet knows what limit to place upon expectation, but when Edison and Hornsby and Keller set the cog wheels of their inventive brains in motion, something good is sure to result.

To start with, the ground and buildings will be lighted entirely at night by electricity. The architectural beauty of every building will be displayed quite as well at night as during the day, for thousands of electric jets are to be placed in rows along their corners, cornices and gables. And to add still greater beauty, these lights are to be kept ever changing by means of different colored globes. The electric fountains, the most elaborate of which will be located near the administration building, are to be the finest ever built. The water for the fountains is to be supplied by enormous pumps in machinery hall. The lights underneath will be so arranged that the streams which play over them will not only reflect the colors of the rainbow, but will collect and arrange them in beautiful pictures. And the combination of streams as well as the colors will be kept changing at intervals by means of apparatus arranged underneath the fountain basins. The water leaving these basins will fall and foam into the lagoon below over rocks and grottoes, through which will sparkle thousands of brilliant and ever changing colored lights. And all of these effects are to be produced automatically by means of electrical devices. It is even proposed to go into electrical horticulture and to have the lagoon lighted at night by means of artificial flowers, made of different colored electric lights.

The fish and reptiles that are to be sent around through the lagoon will astonish every one and drive the tipplers to sign the pledge. Just imagine a sea serpent wriggling around through the water winking its fiery eyes and blowing electric sparks from its nostrils! But there is one fellow who proposes to frighten the children with just such devices. He will put a small storage battery into each one of these mechanical monsters for propeling power and then, after lighting its hideous form and face by electricity, set it floating through the park to scare the wits out of people.

On certain nights submarine divers will explore the bottom of the lagoon and the lake. They will chase about under water with the aid of all the modern electrical diving devices. They will carry search lights capable of illuminating the bottom of the lake for a considerable distance and show all the work that can be performed under water, from flirting with the mermaids to the recovery of a sunken vessel and the destruction of a man-of-war by means of torpedoes operated by wires from the shore. They will also show the latest developments in electric torpedoes with a torpedo boat in operation, maneuvring to sink a vessel. That lagoon will reflect at night the light of thousands of electric jets all arranged in beautiful designs.

It is expected that, with the Edison kinetograph, the instrument which the great inventor is now working to perfect, there can be had a perfect miniature reproduction of plays and operas which are now popular on the stage. The actions and utterances of the players are both to be reproduced, and so exactly in time as to represent the perfect acting. There will also be telephone rooms, with loud sounding 'phones connected with the theatres in this city and those of Milwaukee, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Detroit. Through these 'phones the visitors congregated in the room at the electrical building will be able to hear the operas that are being sung, no matter whether they be in Chicago or that sleepy town at the end of the big bridge, or any other mentioned.

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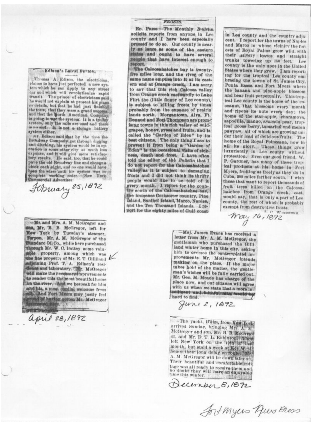

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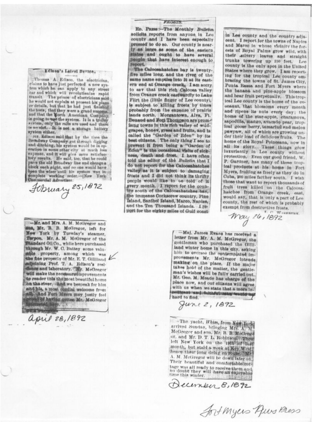

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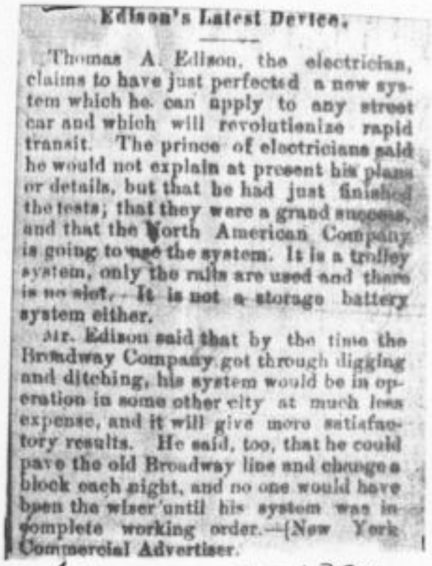

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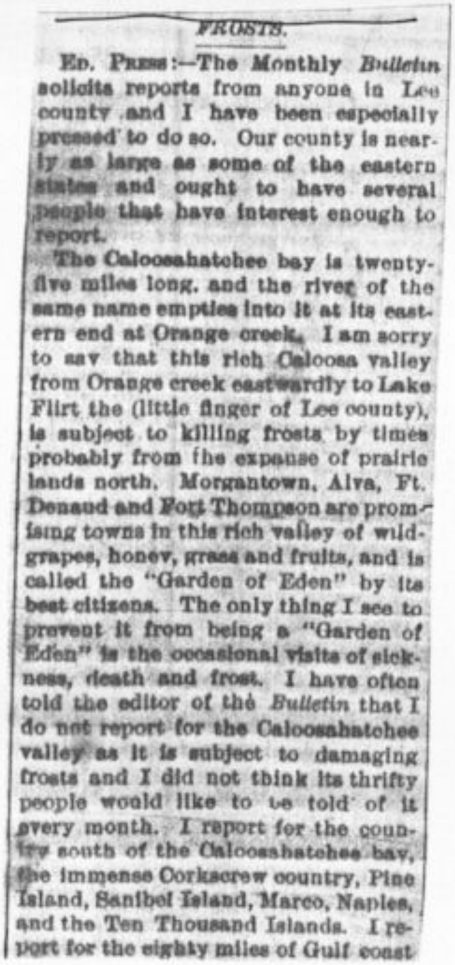

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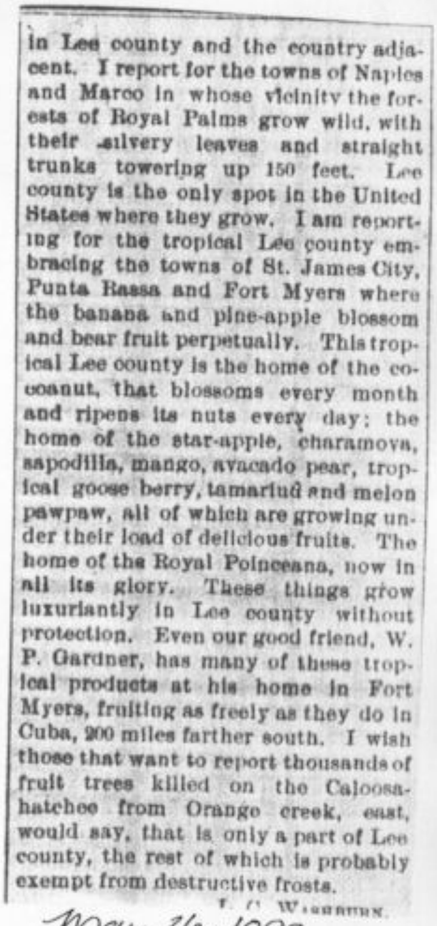

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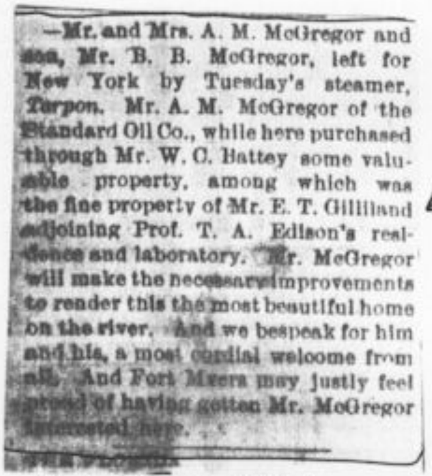

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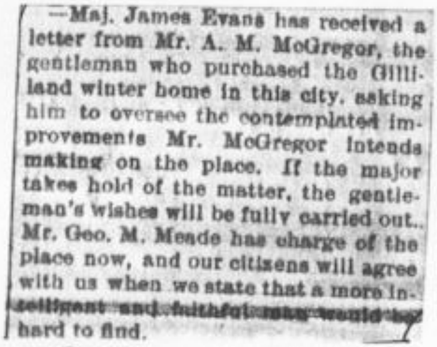

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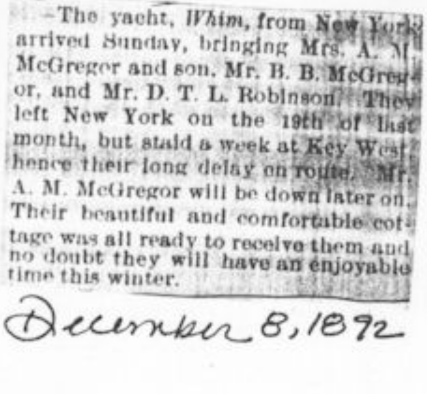

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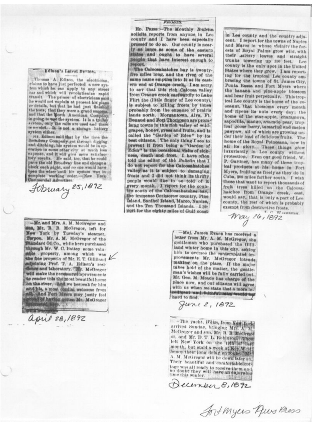

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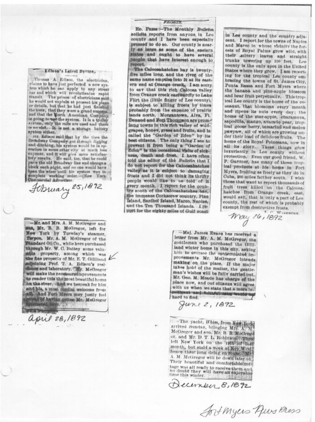

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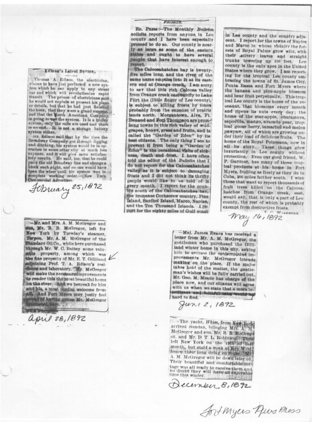

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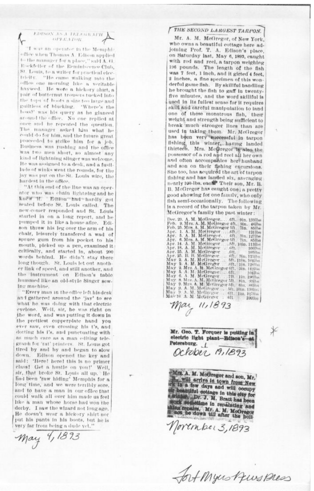

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May 4, 1893

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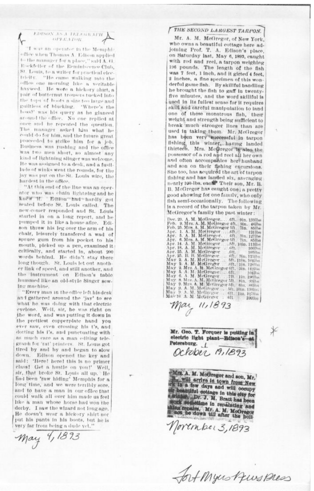

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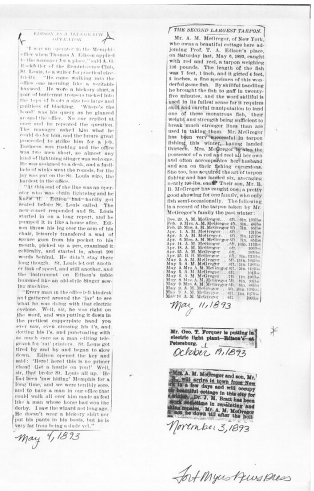

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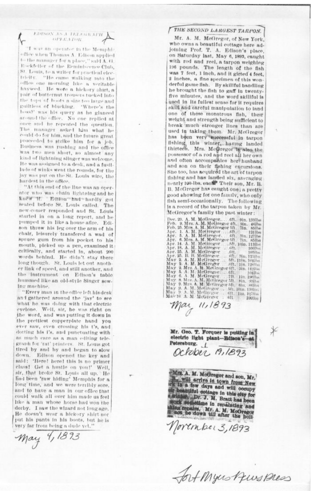

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EDISON'S FATHER.

An Account of the Youthful Days of His Inventive Son.

[We republish the following bit of gossip about Mr. Samuel Edison the father of Prof. T. A. Edison, the great inventor. Prof. Edison owns a beautiful cottage here and his father and Mr. Symington are now here enjoying our incomparable climate.–Ed. Press].

From the Minneapolis Tribune.

The bustling little city of Fort Gratiot, Mich., snugly nestling at the foot of Lake Huron, is a place of some distinction from the fact that it was there that T. A. Edison passed many years of his youth. The old home where he lived with his parents is an object of curiosity to the thousands of persons who travel on the electric railway from Fort Gratiot to the noted summer resorts some distance above the town on the shore of Lake Huron, passing within a few feet of the fence inclosing the old Edison homestead. From the railway track a fair view of the old house is afforded through the mammoth trees which surround it. The dwelling stands back some distance from the foot of the lake, and a short way northwest of the lighthouse that guides the lake boats into St. Clair river from Lake Huron. It is quite a large structure, but is beginning to show signs of decay. In the dwelling yet resides Samuel Edison, the father of the noted inventor. The writer had a talk with him recently while in that section, and he told many anecdotes of his son Thomas when but a boy. The old man is a well-preserved old gentleman of 88, having been born in Bigby, Nova Scotia, on August 16th, 1804. He is tall of stature and remarkably robust for one of his years, Added to this a memory of unexcelled clearness.

In 1811, when but seven years of age, Samuel Edison moved with his parents to New York City, arriving there on the 14th day of June of that year. After remaining there but a short time the family left and traveled through Upper Canada, finally locating in Vienna, Canada. Samuel passed his youth in Vienna, and there met the girl, Nancy Elliott, whom he married, and who afterward became the mother of the inventor. In February, 1837, Samuel, his wife and three children, who had in the meantime arrived to bless them, moved to Detroit, Mich. The children were named respectively Marion, William Pitt (a prominent business man of Port Huron, Mich., up to a few years ago, when he died) and Harriet Anna. After residing in Detroit for about two years the family moved to Milan, O. Thos. A., whose name is known to the entire civilized world, was born at Milan, February 11, 1847. In 1853, when Thomas was a child but six years of age, his parents moved to Fort Gratiot, where the inventor passed his youth, and where he received but a meager schooling, not having in all gone to school for more than one year. He was distinctively a [illegible] without boyish ways. At this early age began the development of the rare gift with which he was possessed, and he was almost continually engaged in endeavoring to figure out some difficult mechanical problem. His brain, apparently, was never permitted to rest, and he had gone to school but a short time before his teacher noticed this fact, and being alarmed by it advised the lad's parents to keep him from school if they did not wish him to lose his reason. He was indeed a peculiar boy, and never played with other boys for more than a few minutes at any time, seemingly preferring to be alone so that he could give his whole attention to studying the solution of some problem. He was always of an older disposition than his age would indicate. When about midway between the ages of twelve and thirteen he surprised his parents one evening by bursting in upon them and gleefully shouting:

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The day following this joyful statement young Edison made his first trip as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk railroad between Fort Gratiot and Detroit. It was about this time, as near as his father can recollect, that young Edison first took on interest in telegraph operating. His first experiments in this line were made with a small table and a piece of whalebone. There was a crack in the table, and in this he placed one end of the whalebone, a string being so arranged that he could with ease cause the whalebone to be swiftly drawn down to the table, and with a sheet of paper laid on the table with which the whalebone would come in contact a fair substitute of the clicking of a regular telegraph instrument was secured. He then spent hours clicking off the telegraph alphabet. The fact of the printing by him of a small newspaper, called the Grand Trunk *Herald*, while newsboy on the train, is well known to newspaper readers, and it is useless to dwell long on this subject. Before accepting the position as newsboy on the train, young Edison read a great deal on the subject of drugs, etc., and in a short time he had a small-sized drug store in the basement of his father's house. Here he passed many hours mixing and compounding drugs. He would work until late at night endeavoring to study out various questions and bring his experiments to a successful issue. So interested would he become that he failed to notice the passing away of the hours, and his father had frequently to arise at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning and compel the lad to go to bed. So proficient had he become in the art of telegraphing by constant practice during the three years spent by him as a newsboy on the train that at the end of that time he was offered a position as telegraph operator at Port Huron. He left the cars and immediately took charge of the Port Huron telegraph office. He remained there for some little time, when the Grand Trunk Railway company induced him to go to Stratford, Ont., as the company's operator there. From Stratford he went to Fort Wayne, Ind.; from there he went to Indianapolis, then to Cincinnati, and subsequently to Louisville, Ky., holding telegraph positions in all these places. During the war he entered the service of the government as an operator in Tennessee. After the war, and while still in the employ of the government, having been offered a position abroad, it became necessary for him to master the Spanish language, which he did in the remarkably brief period of three months, and not losing an hour of his time for the government. Some time later in his life he concluded to accept a position in Central America, but on his way down was taken so terribly ill with seasickness that the physicians on the boat sent him back. He landed at New York City, and from there went to his home and remained several weeks. He then went to Boston, where he completed his first invention and received his first patent. From Boston he went to New York and New Jersey, where he has since remained.

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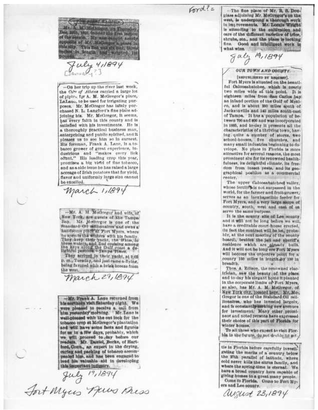

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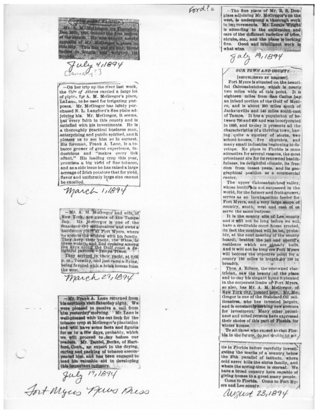

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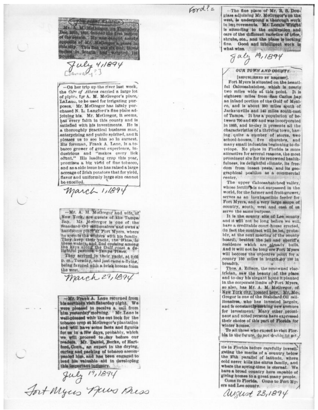

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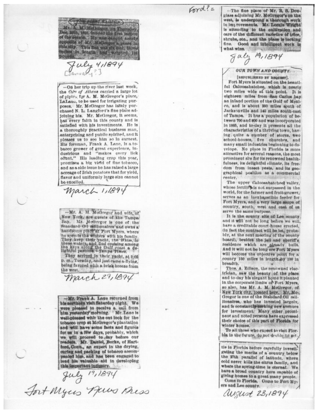

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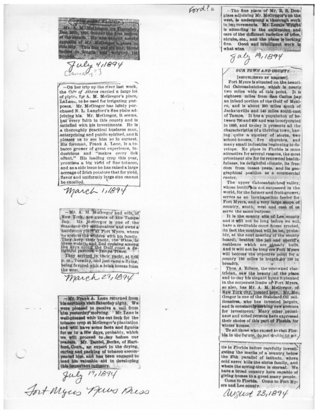

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Fort Myers is situated on the beautiful Caloosahatchee, which is nearly two miles wide at this point. It is eighteen miles from San Carlos bay an inland portion of the Gulf of Mexico, and is about 350 miles south of Jacksonville and 140 miles south-east of Tampa. It has a population of between 700 and 800 and was incorporated in 1885, and to-day it presents all the characteristics of a thriving town, having quite a number of stores, two school-houses, five churches, and many small industries beginning to develope. No place in Florida is more attractive for several reasons, the most prominent are for its renowned healthfulness, its delightful climate, its freedom from insect pests, and its geographical position as a commercial center.

The upper Caloosahatchee valley, whose fertility is not surpassed in the world, for the farmer and fruit-grower, serves as an inexhaustible feeder for Fort Myers, and a very large scope of country, south, west and east of us serve the same purpose.

It is the county site of Lee county and it will not be long before we will have a creditable court-house erected, (in fact the contract will be let, probably, at the next meeting of the county board), besides the jail and sheriff's residence which are already built. And it will not be long ere Fort Myers will become the objective point for a counry 150 miles in length by 100 in breadth.

Thos. A. Edison, the renowned electrician, saw the beauty of the place and to-day his elegant home it planted in the corporate limits of Fort Myers, so also, has Mr. A. M. McGregor, of New York city, located here. Mr. McGregor is one of the Standard Oil millionaires, who has invested largely, and is constantly seeking new avenues for investment. Many other prominent and noted persons have expressed their choice of this part of Florida for winter homes.

To all those who expect to visit Florida in the future, do not decide to settle in Florida before carefully investigating the merits of a country below the 27th parallel of latitude, where cold never kills the citrus family, and where the spring-time is eternal. We have a broad country here capable of giving homes to a great many people.

Come to Florida. Come to Fort Myers and Lee county.

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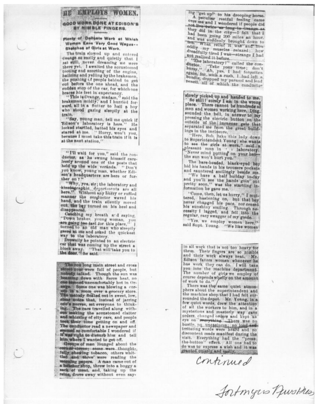

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HE EMPLOYS WOMEN.

GOOD WORK DONE AT EDISON'S BY NIMBLE FINGERS.

Plenty of Delicate Work at Which Women Earn Very Good Wages--Sketches of Girls at Work.

The train slowed up and entered Orange so easily and quietly that I sat still, never dreaming we were there yet. I awaited the accustomed tooting and snorting of the engine, halloing and yelling by the brakemen, the pushing of people behind to get out before the one ahead, and the sudden stop of the car, for which one braces his feet in expectancy.

"This is Orange, madam," said the brakeman mildly, and I hurried forward, all in a flutter to hail a boy who stood gazing sleepily at the train.

"Say, young man, tell me quick if Edison's laboratory is here." He looked startled, batted his eyes and stared at me. "Hurry, won't you, because I must take this train if it is at the next station,"

"I'll wait for you," said the conductor, as he swung himself carelessly around one of the posts that held up the wide veránda. "Don't you know, young man, whether Edison's headquarters are here or further on?"

"Why, yes, sir; the laboratory and kinetographic departments are all here." Without any hurry or ruffled manner the conductor waved his hand, and the train silently moved out, the boy turned on his heel and disappeared.

Catching my breath and saying, "Down brakes, young woman, you are going too fast for this place," I turned to an old man who sleepily gazed at me and asked the quickest way to the laboratory.

Drowsily he pointed to an electric car that was coming up the street a block away. "That will take you to the door," he said.

The one long main street and cross street near were full of people, but nobody talked. Though the sun was beaming down with fierce heat, no one seemed uncomfortably hot in Orange. Some one was blowing a cornet in a room over a grocery store. The melody floated out in sweet, low, clear notes that, instead of jarring one's nerves, set everyone to thinking. The cars travelled along without making the accustomed clatter and whizzing of city cars, and people took their time getting on and off. The conductor read a newspaper and seemed so comfortable I wondered if it was right to disturb him and tell him where I wanted to get off.

Groups of men lounged about the corner stores; some were thoughtfully chewing tobacco, others whittled and three were reading the morning papers. A man came out of a butcher shop, threw into a buggy a sack of meat, and, taking up the reins, drove away without even saying "get up!" to his drooping horse.

A peculiar restful feeling came over me and I wondered if people did not live twice as long in Orange as they did in the city—I felt that I had been going 200 miles an hour, and was suddenly brought down to ten. What relief it was and how oddly my muscles relaxed; how dreadfully tired I was—strange I had not realized it before.

"The laboratory!" called the conductor. "Take your time; don't hurry." Ah, yes, I had forgotten again, for, with a rush, I had left a bundle, dropped my parasol and lead pencil, all of which the conductor slowly picked up and handed to me.

So still! surely I am in the wrong place. There cannot be hundreds of men and women working here. Ding, sounded the bell, in answer to my pressing the electric button on the outside of the immense gate that separated me from the great buildings in the inclosure.

"Here, Bob, take this lady down to Superintendent Young; she wants to see the girls at work," said a pleasant man in [illegible] laboratory. "Never mind putting on your hat—the sun won't hurt you."

The bare-headed, black-eyed boy hid his hands in his trousers pockets and sauntered smilingly beside me.

"We have a half holiday to-day and you'll see the hands goin' out pretty soon," was the startling information he gave me.

"Come, then, let us hurry," I muttered, hastening on, but that boy never changed his pace, nor ceased his sunshiny smiling. Through necessity I lagged, and fell into the regular, easy swagger of my guide.

"Yes, we employ women here," said Supt. Young. "We like women in all work that is not too heavy for them. Their fingers are so nimble and their work always neat. Mr. Edison favors women whenever he has work they can do. I will take you into the machine department. The number of girls we employ of course depends wholly on the amount of work to do."

There was the same quiet atmosphere about the superintendent and the machine shop that I had felt surrounded the depot. Mr. Yonng, in a few quiet words, drew the attention of all the workers to him, and in a mysterious and masterly way gave orders, changed orders and kept an eye on everything. There was no bustle, no uneasiness; no loud and irritating words were heard and no discontent made manifest during the visit. Everything had the "press-the-button" effect. All one had to do was to express a wish and it was granted quietly and easily.

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The long, airy and sunny buildings were filled with mysterious machinery, and the girls at the benches, without exception, met me with a happy smile and courteous manner.

"We ought to be happy," said a young woman they called Ella; "don't we have everything to be glad about? I like the work immensely and make a lot of money. The work is not difficult, once learned, and one has great satisfaction in becoming an expert in anything. How did I know how? Why, I had a teacher, of course, at first. I had to learn the trade as boys do who go in machine shops. I thought I ought to be able to do the work. There is no heavy lifting in my duties; everything depends on judgment and deftness. I applied and learned, and have been in Mr. Edison's employ for years and hope I always shall be as long as there is work to do.

"I make brushes," she continued, rising to show me just what she did. "See. I first unwind the wire from the spools, straighten it, then cut it with this implement into one-half inch lengths. Next comes the soldering. That is done this way." She heated a rod by the aid of a gas jet arranged for the purpose, and when hot enough, the wires were all soldered tight into place.

"This kind of brush is called a governor; I can make two hundred in one day. These larger ones are known as commutators, and are twice as large as the governors, consequently I make only half as many in a day.

Ella is a plump, round-faced young woman with clear, frank eyes that look straight at you. Her heavy brown hair showed care and neatness. Her quick business movements denoted thorough understanding of her work, and her pleasant manner and particularly bright smile explained why she was such a favorite in the workroom.

At another bench, where the cool breezes always circled, sat girls making belts. Cheerfulness, calm gayety and content seemed the greatest virtues of the hands in this room.

"It is pleasant work, very," explained Ella, a tall, willowy girl, whose naturally serious face lighted wonderfully when she spoke. "I make belts for the phonographs from morning till night. Yes, I do piece work, but don't mind stopping to show you. First, I take the hide—we get a whole calfskin, dressed of course—and then I cut it into strips just the length and width I wish. Oh, I don't have any trouble, for the knives are so very sharp. Now, look. I stretch them with the machine; then I shave the ends, so, and place them together like this—lapping one shaved end over the other—then glue it fast. Now comes the pretty part. Sometimes I take blue silk thread, and sometimes red, but the belts must be sewed four times around. I can do it awfully fast, and get it straight as a die."

"I suppose that is to make the belts look fancy."

"Oh dear, no." My stupid remark was heard far and wide, and I had to submit to a general ha, ha, from all the pretty lips in the room.

"I scarcely think Mr. Edison would pay us to do embroidery work, do you, girls? No; there is a reason for the stitching; it keeps the belts from stretching."

"Do you have any trouble with your sewing machine?"

"Never. It is run by electricity, and it doesn't tire me. We work ten hours a day, but it is so very pleasant for us here that we would much rather work than not."

She sat down to the machine and in what seemed a very few minutes had completed one of the dainty blue silk stitched belts.

Superintendent Young suggested going into the Japan room. A sweet-faced girl called Carrie handles with great dexterity the brush in doing the Japanning. All the machines are Japanned, and a lot of other things—work that only the nimble fingers of women can execute swiftly.

"There is no use talking," said the superintendent, "woman can do many things better than men. Mr. Edison favors their employ purely from a business standpoint. When we were working on the dolls we had over 200 girls employed. The machines were so arranged that when the girls spoke through them the voice was reproduced like that of a child. Ella over there was invaluable, her enunciation is so distinct."

We entered the assembling room, which was, if anything, cooler than the machine shops. Wide doors and windows were stretched open; partitions were cut through so the breeze could have a full sweep along the whole length of the building. Everything was made with a view to comfort as well as business. "The more comfortable we can make the workmen, the better work they turn out," said the superintendent.

At one table just below a window through which the perfume of cut grass came pouring in, sat two young women making their fingers fly so rapidly that it was impossible to understand what they were doing without stopping to explain.

A fresh, rosy face, blue eyes, large and merry, long lashes and the curliest, golden-brown hair that ever covered a head, belonged to Maggie, who from seven in the morning till 6 at night, winds armatures.

"No, I don't get very tired," she replied to my question. At first it was bothersome, and I had to get used to sitting and holding the wire, but now I can wind five armatures a day. There are 700 yards on each. That makes a lot of the wire go through your hands during the ten hours work. We have to be so very careful too, to get each round just so."

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"Is there no machinery that could do this?"

"Mr. Young says it could be done by machinery, but it would cost more than by having it done by hand, and I am rather glad of that, because machinery would throw me out of employment."

"Do you work by the day or by the piece?"

"By the week just now, but next Monday we commence by the piece. I like piece work better, because we can make more. Mr. Young is a remarkably kind and considerate man. We all like him. He never forgets what we are doing—he never fails to know whether we ought to be extra weary or not. He never overworks or is unkind. We would do anything for him."

"Do you make much money at such employment?"

"Oh, yes; quite enough. The wages range from $8 up. Ella over there for a while made $18 a week on piecework. An expert at her bench can accomplish much. One has to learn the trade before being able to do anything. It does not seem difficult to wind these spools, yet every thread must be just so, or the whole thing is useless. One act of carelessness might undo a whole day's work."

"What are you doing?" I inquired of a fair, sunny-haired girl opposite at the same table.

"Covering spools for the kisetograph. The spools are brass, and must be covered with velvet. It is easy after you once know how," she said, and raising her head exposed to my admiring gaze the curliest "bang" I had seen in weeks.

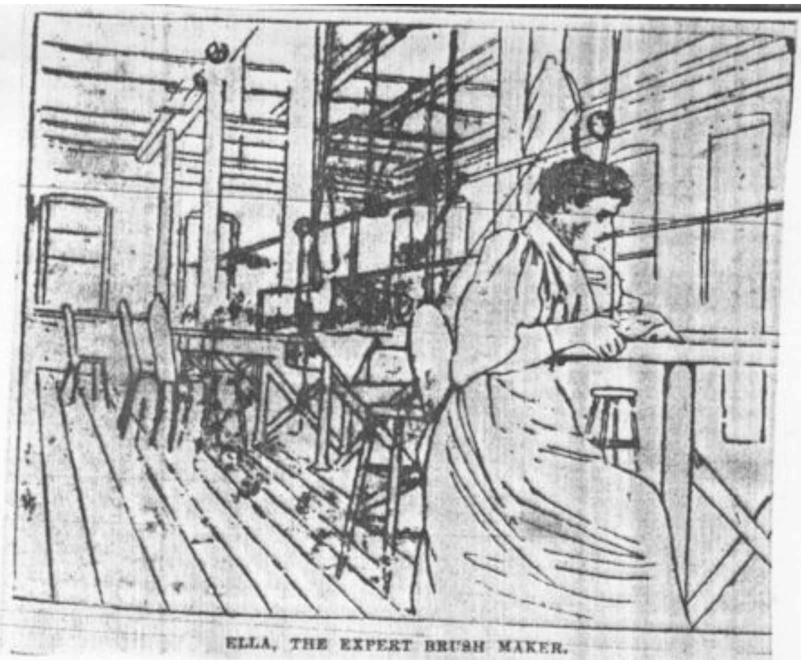
"Of course, I would like to know all about the spools," I remarked, "but first tell me where you get such a perfect false "bang." It matches your hair so beautifully, and the curls are simply bewitching."

Such ripples of laughter, such dancing of eyes, such howls of delight as filled the room again proved I had blundered,

"Pull it,"' said the girl, bending forward her sunny head. "It is mine, all natural and fast tight."

"I suppose you have some understanding with your mysterious electricity, then, to keep it in such marvellous curl," I cried dumbfounded, as I mopped the perspiration from my own brow and face. More laughter and saucy remarks, full of appreciation of the subject, drove me finally into another department.

"We live, most all of us, in Orange," said Ella; "some come from Newark, a few from East Orange, and the small villages about. There are few girls on duty these hot days—work is slack, and there is no need for them. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be included in the few retained. This time last year there were sixty of us, and once we numbered over 200. Mr. Edison never gives the men what we can do. When that kind comes in, then women are called to do it. Oh, please say something nice about Superintendent Young," exclaimed one, "he is such a good man; we could talk all day about how kind the officials are to us."—[Cynthia M. Westover in the N. Y. Recorder.



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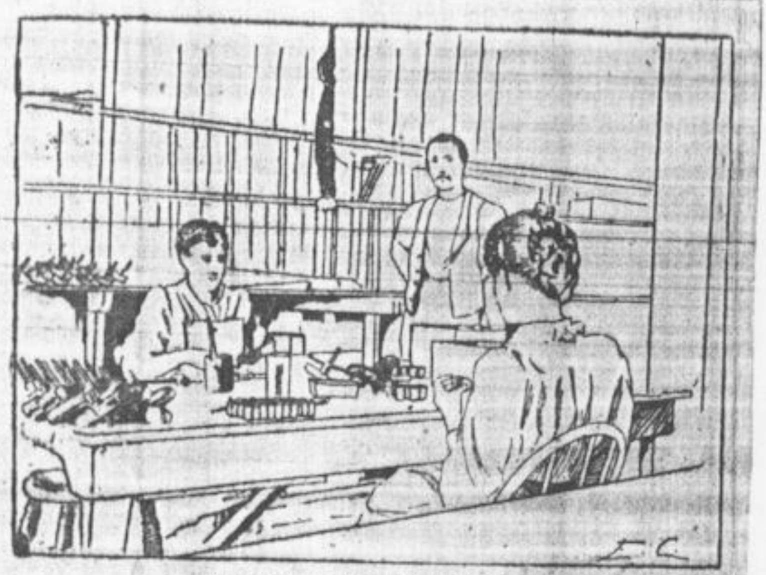

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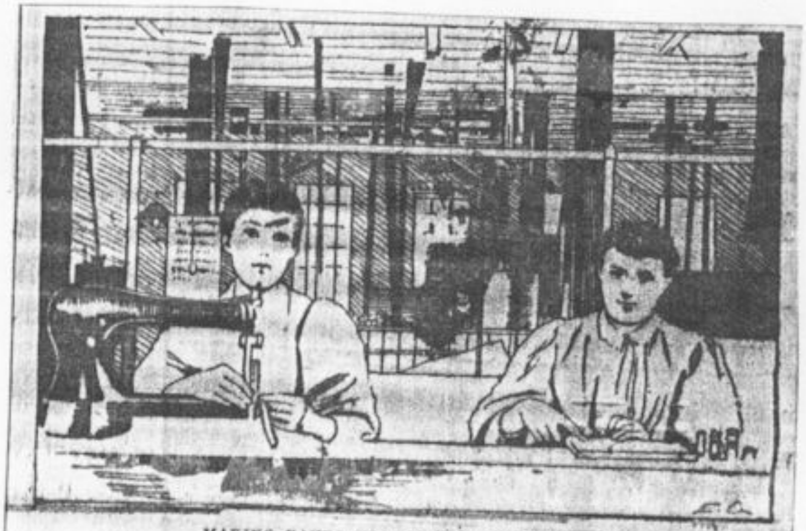

MAKING BANDS FOR THE PHONOGRAPH.

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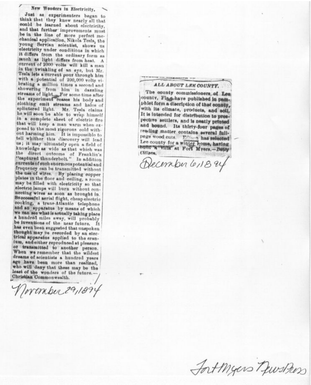

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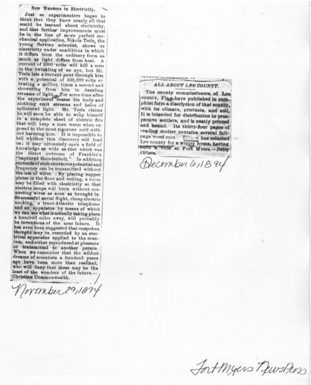

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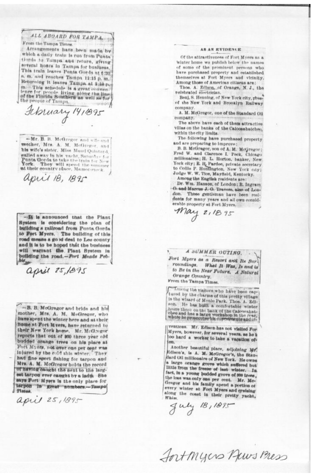

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Thos. A. Edison, of Orange, N. J., the celebrated electrician.

Benj. S. Henning, of New York city, pres. of the New York and Brooklyn Railway company.

A. M. McGregor, one of the Standard Oil company.

The above have each of them attractive villas on the banks of the Caloosahatchee, within the city limits.

The following have purchased property and are preparing to improve:

B. B. McGregor, son of A. M. McGregor; Fred W. and Clarence I. Peck, Chicago millionaires; H. L. Horton, banker, New York city; E. H. Pardee, private secretary to Collis P. Huntington, New York city; Judge W. W. Tice, Mayfield, Kentucky.

Among the English residents are:

Dr. Wm. Hanson, of London; R. Ingram O. and Marcus J. O. Travers, also of London. These gentleman have been residents for many years and all own considerable property at Fort Myers.

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A SUMMER OUTING.

Fort Myers as a Resort and Its Surroundings. What It Was, Is and is to Be in the Near Future. A Natural Orange Country.

From the Tampa Times.

Among the visitors who have been captured by the charms of this pretty village is the wizard of Menlo Park, Thos. A. Edison. He has built a comfortable winter house there on the bank of the Caloosahatchee and has a large workshop in the rear, where he prosecutes his experiments and inventions. Mr. Edison has not visited For Myers, however, for several years, as he i too hard a worker to take a vacation often.

Another beautiful place, adjoining Mr. Edison's, is A. M. McGregor's, the Standard Oil millionaire of New York. He owns a large orange grove which suffered but little from the freeze of last winter. In fact, in a young budded grove of 800 trees, the loss was only one per cent. Mr. McGregor and his family spend a portion of every winter at Fort Myers and cruising along the coast in their pretty yacht, Whim.

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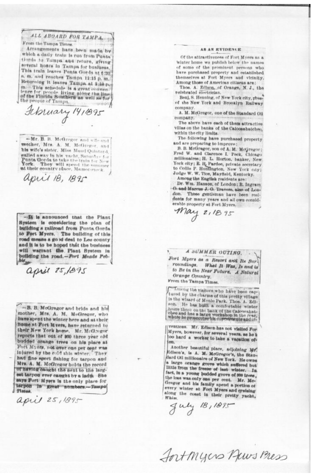

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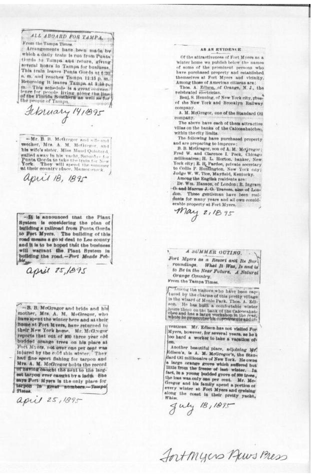

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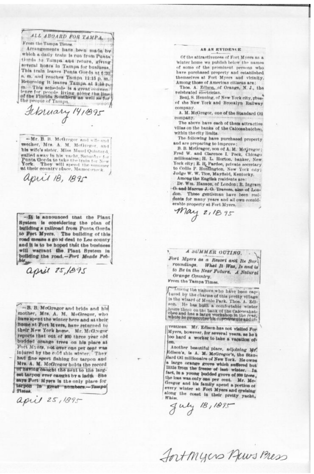

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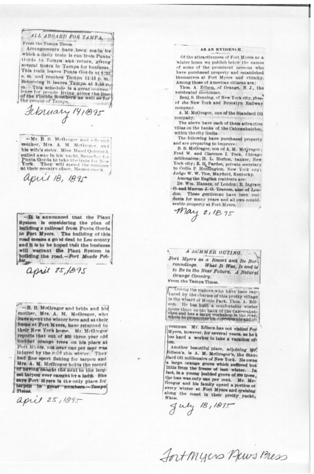

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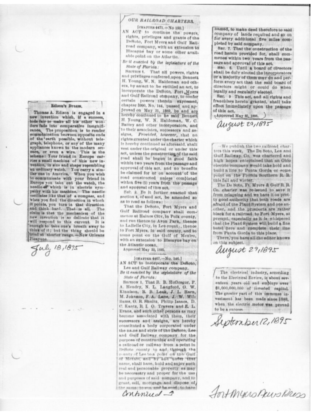

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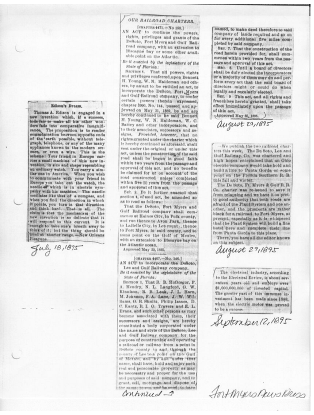

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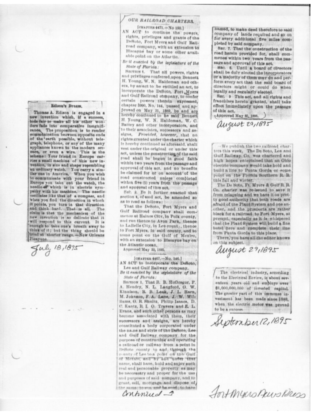

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OUR RAILROAD CHARTERS.

[CHAPTER 4471.—No 150.]

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Approved May 30, 1895.

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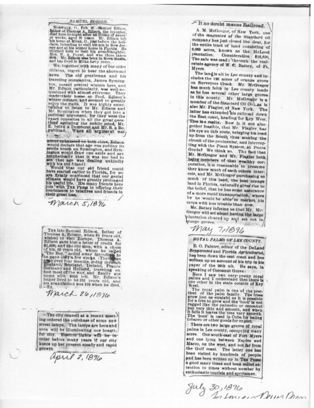

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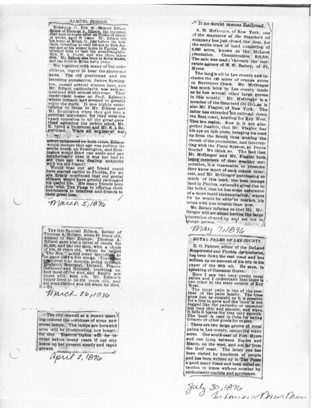

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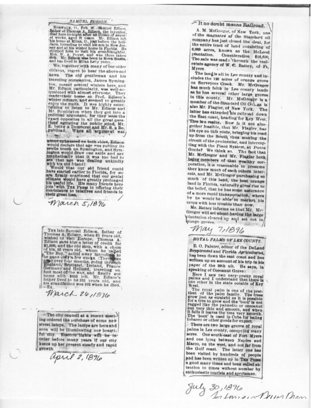

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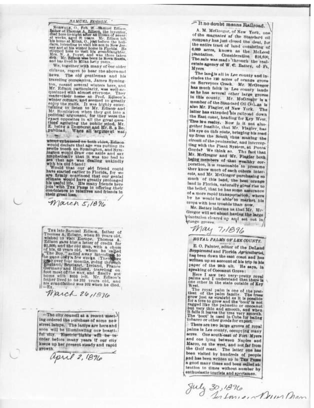

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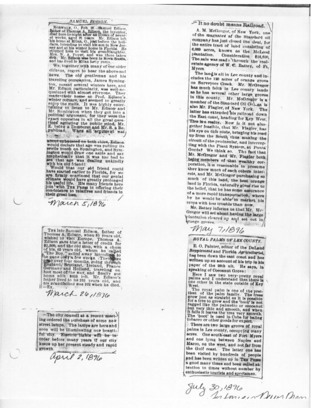

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Would that our old friend could have started earlier to Florida, for we are firmly convinced that our genial climate would have greatly prolonged his useful life. His many friends here join with THE PRESS in offering their condolence to relatives and friends in their great loss.

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—The city council at a recent meeting ordered the purchase of some new street lamps. The lamps are here and soon will be illuminating our beautiful city. Electric lights will be in order before many years if our city keeps up her present steady and rapid growth.

April 2, 1896

It no doubt means Railroad.

A. M. McGregor, of New York, one of the magnates af the Standard oil company has just closed the deal, for the entire tract of land consisting of 6,089 acres, known as the McLeod plantation. Consideration $16,600. The sale was made through the real-estate agency of W. C. Battey, of Ft. Myers.

The land is all in Lee county and includes the 120 acres of orange grove on Surveyors Creek. Mr. McGregor has much faith in Lee county lands as he has several other large groves in this county. Mr. McGregor is a member of the Standard Oil Co., as is also Mr. Flagler, of New York. The latter has extended his railroad down the East coast, heading for Key West. This is a realty. Now is it not altogether feasible, that Mr. Flagler, has his eye on this route, bringing his road up from the South, thus making the circuit of the peninsular, and intercepting with the Plant System, at Punta Gorda? We think so. The fact that Mr. McGregor and Mr. Flagler both being members of that wealthy corporation, it is reasonable to presume they know much of each others interests, and Mr. McGregor purchasing so much of this land, the best orange land in Florida, naturally gives rise to the belief, that he has some assurance of a more rapid transportation, where by he would be able to market his crops with less trouble than now.

Mr. Battey informs us that Mr. McGregor will set about having the large plantation cleared up and set out in orange groves.

May 7, 1896

ROYAL PALMS OF LEE COUNTY.

E. O. Painter, editor of the DeLand *Supplement* and Florida *Agriculturist*, has been down the east coast and has written up an account of his trip in his paper of the 29th ult. He says, in speaking of Cocoanut Grove:

> Here I saw two very pretty royal palms and I understand that there is one other in the state outside of Key West.
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> The royal palm is one of the prettiest of the palm family. The trees grow just as straight as it is possible for a tree to grow and the 'boot' is not ragged like the palmetto or cocoanut but very thin and smooth, and when it falls it leaves the tree very smooth. The 'boot' is used in Cuba for baling tobacco or other goods for export.

There are two large groves of royal palms in Lee county, occupying many acres. One south-east of Fort Myers and one lying between Naples and Marco, on the west, and not far from the Gulf coast. The latter one has been visited by hundreds of people and has been written up in THE PRESS a good many times and been called attention to times without number by enthusiastic tourists and sportsmen.

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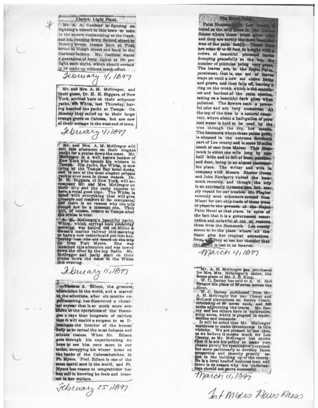

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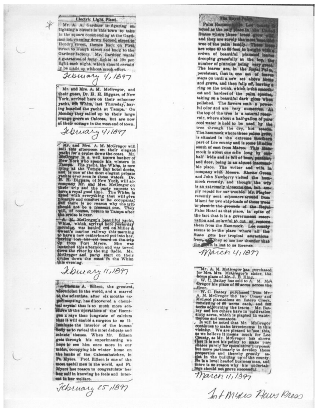

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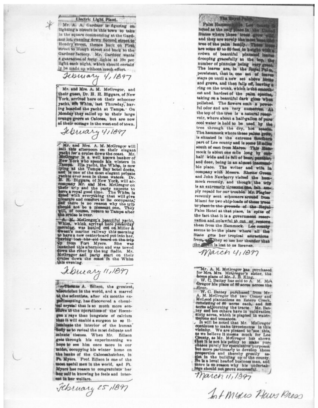

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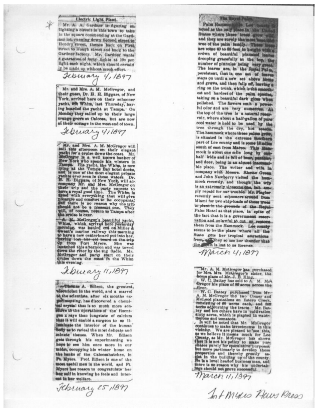

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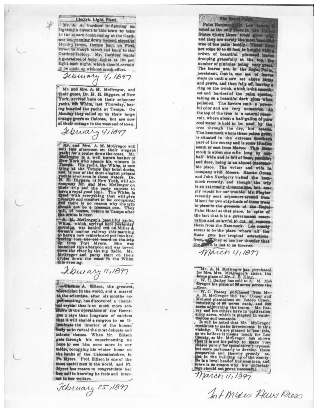

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Febuary 11, 1897

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Febuary 25, 1897

The Royal Palm.

Palm Hammock in Lee county is noted as the only place in the United States where these trees grow wild, and they are surely the most beautiful tree of the palm family. These trees are some 40 to 60 feet in height with a crown of beautiful pinnated leaves drooping gracefully at the top, the number of pinnules being very great. The leaves are, in the Royal Palm, persistent, that is, one set of leaves stays on until a new set above forms and grows, and then falls off, leaving a ring on the trunk, which is the smoothest and hardest of the palm species, taking on a beautiful dark gloss when polished. The flowers emit a powerful odor and are very numerous. At the top of the tree is a natural reservoir, where about a half-gallon of pure cool water is held to be used by the tree through the dry, hot season. The hammock where these palms grow, is situated in the extreme Southern part of Lee county and is some 12 miles south of east from Marco. This Hammock is about one mile long by one-half wide and is full of bear, panther, and deer, being in an almost inaccessible place. The writer and wife in company with Messrs. Rhette Green and John Newberry visited the hammock recently, and though the trip is an extremely tiresome one, felt amply repaid for our trouble. Mr. Flagler recently sent schooners around from Miami for two ship-loads of these trees to plant in the grounds of the Royal Palm Hotel at that place, in spite of the fact that it is a government reservation and unlawful to cut or remove them from the Hammock. Lee county seems to be the place where all the State gets her tropical attractions from, [illegible] they so use her thunder that the [illegible] is lost to us forever.

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W. C. Battey purchased from Mr. A. M. McGregor the two Comer and McLeod plantations on Estero Creek, consisting of 60 acres each, and 800 acres adjourning the tracts. Mr. Battey and ten others have in cultivation sixty acres, which is planted in watermelons and tomatoes.

It will be noted that Mr. McGregor continues to make investments in this vicinity. We are pleased to see this, as we believe it means much for Lee County, as Mr. McGregor has shown that it is not his policy to make purchases purely for speculative purposes, but more particuarly to develop these properties and thereby greatly assist in the building up of the county. He is a level headed business man, and there is no reason why his undertakings should not prove successful.

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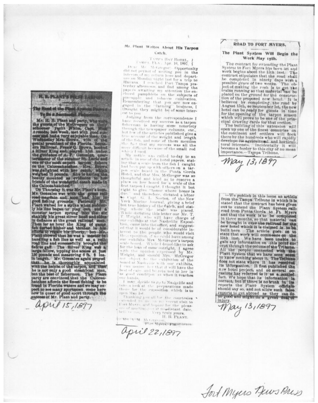

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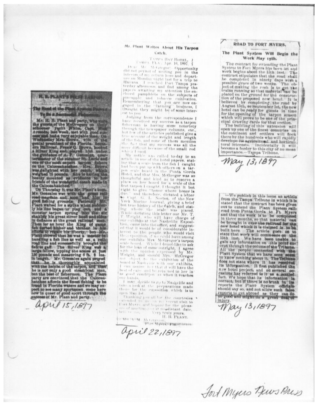

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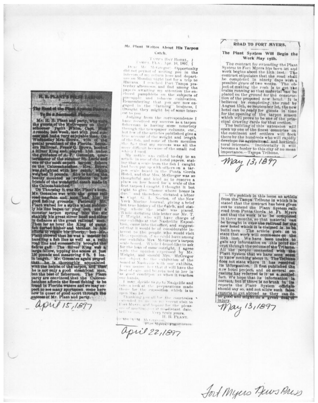

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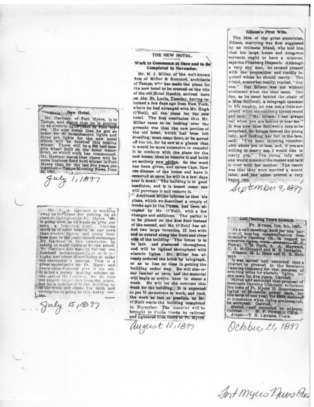

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July 1, 1897

Mr. A. A. Gardner is working away on his plans for putting in an electric light plant in Ft. Myers. He is going slow, as he wants to give our town a first-class plant. Nothing could be of more benefit to our town than electric lights, and every business man in the place should encourage Mr. Gardner in this enterprise, by taking as many lights as he can afford. Mr. Gardner will want to furnish one hundred incandescent light at 5c per night, and about 15 arc lights to make the enterprise a success. This is a great opportunity for Ft. Myers and every citizen should give it his aid. It is not a money making scheme on the part of Mr. Gardner, for he does not expect to get rich from the plant, but he is interested in the building up of the town, and shows his faith and enterprise in going to this heavy outlay.

July 15, 1897

THE NEW HOTEL.

Work to Commence at Once and to Be Completed in November.

Mr. M. J. Miller, of the well-known firm of Miller & Kennard, architects of Tampa, who has made the plans for the new hotel to be erected on the site of the old Hotel Hendry, arrived here on the St. Lucie, Tuesday, having returned a few days ago from New York, where he had arranged with Mr. Hugh O'Neill, all the plans for the new hotel. The first conclusion that Mr. Miller came to on looking over the grounds was that the new portion of the old hotel, which had been left standing, must come down or be moved off the lot, for he saw at a glance that it would be more expensive to remodel it to conform with the plans for the new house, than to remove it and build an entirely new edifice. So the word has been given, and unless Capt. Hew can dispose of the house and have it removed at once, he will in a few days tear it down. The building is in good condition, and it is hoped some one will purchase it and remove it.

Architect Miller informs us that his plans, which we described a couple of weeks ago in the PRESS, had been accepted by Mr. O'Neill, with a few changes and additions. The parlor is to be placed on the first floor instead of the second, and Mr. O'Neill has added two large verandas, 12 feet wide and to extend along the front and river side of the building. The house is to be lath and plastered throughout, and will be lighted throughout with electric lights. Mr. Miller has already ordered the brick by telegraph, so as to lose no time in getting the building under way. He will also order lumber at once, and the material will begin to arrive here in about a week. He will let the contract this week for the building. It is expected to put 75 carpenters to work, and rush the work as fast as possible, as Mr. O'Neill wants the building completed in November. The material will be brought to Punta Gorda by railroad and lightered from there to Ft. Myers.

August 12, 1897

Edison's First Wife.

The idea of the great electrician, Edison, marrying was first suggested by an intimate friend, who told him that his large house and numerous servants ought to have a mistress, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Although a very shy man, he seemed pleased with the proposition and timidly inquired whom he should marry. The friend, somewhat testily, replied, "Any one." But Edison was not without sentiment when the time came. One day, as he stood behind the chair of a Miss Stillwell, a telegraph operator in his employ, he was not a little surprised when she suddenly turned round and said: "Mr. Edison, I can always tell when you are behind or near me." It was now Miss Stillwell's turn to be surprised, for Edison fronted the young lady, and looking her full in the face, said: "I've been thinking considerably about you of late, and, if you are willing to marry me, I would like to marry you." The young lady said she would consider the matter and talk it over with her mother. The result was that they were married a month later, and the union proved a very happy one.

September 9, 1897

Call Meeting Town Council.

FT. MYERS, Oct. 9th, 1897.

At a call meeting, held for the purpose of hearing communication from Seminole Canning Co., in regard to electric lights, were present:—W. F. Powell, T. M. Park, A. A. Maywald, C. A. McDougald and M. S. Gonzalez.

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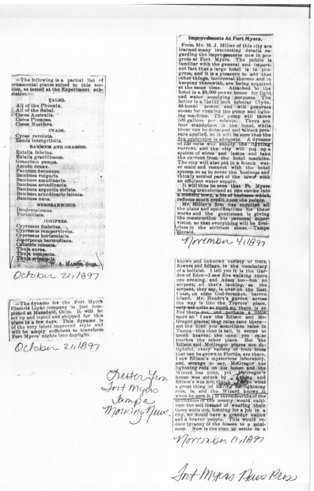

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Improvdments At Fort Myers.

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Mr. Miller's firm has supplied all the plans and specifications for these works and the gentleman is giving the construction his personal supervision, so that everything will be first-class in the strictest sense.—Tampa Herald.

November 4, 1897

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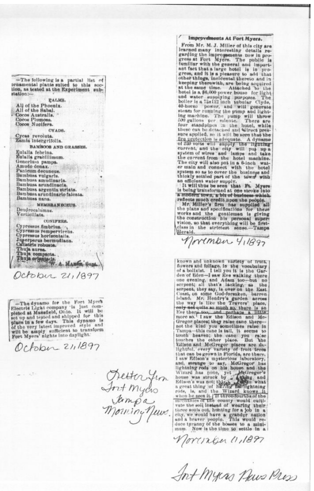

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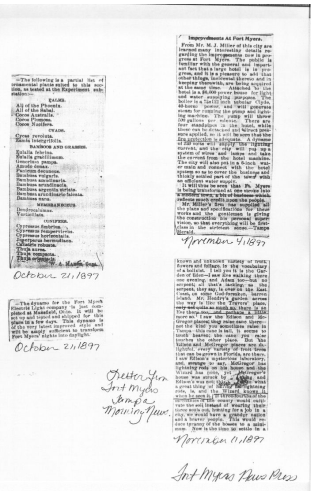

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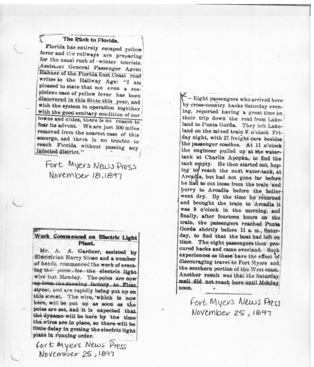

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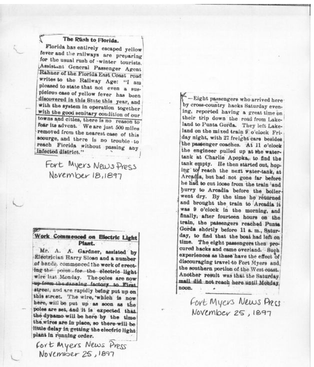

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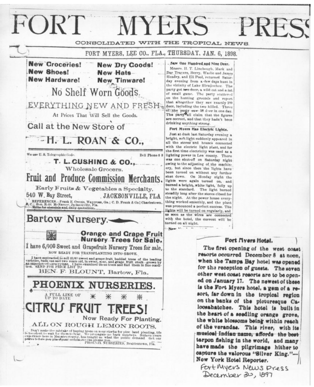

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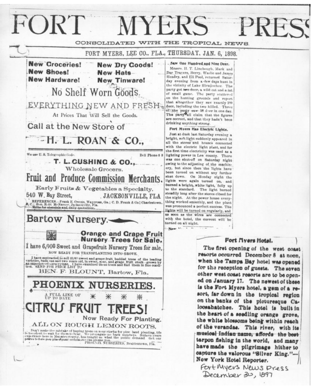

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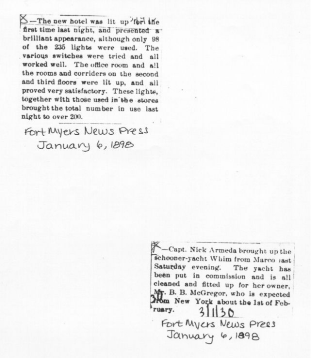

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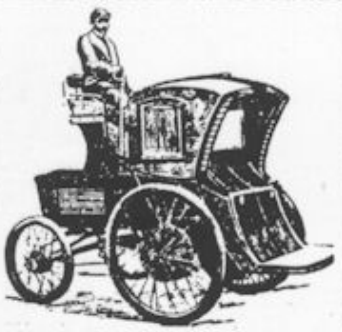

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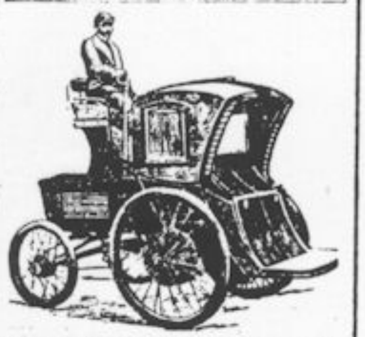

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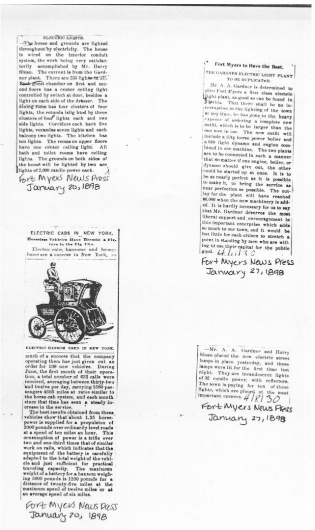

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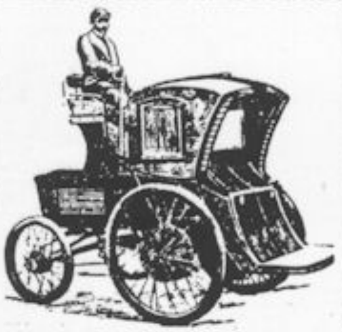

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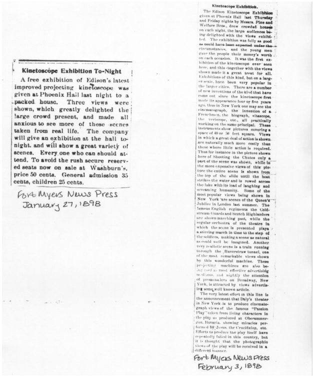

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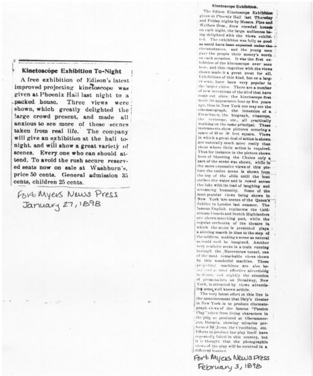

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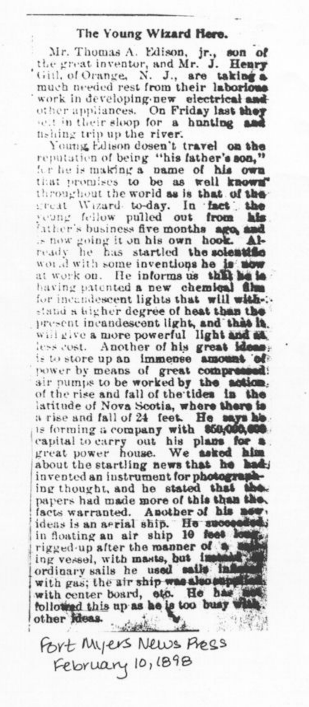

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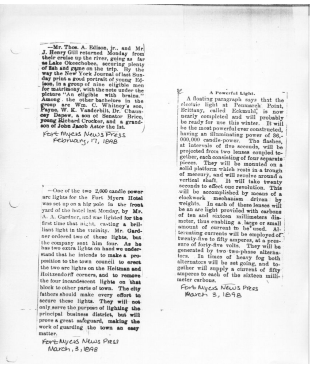

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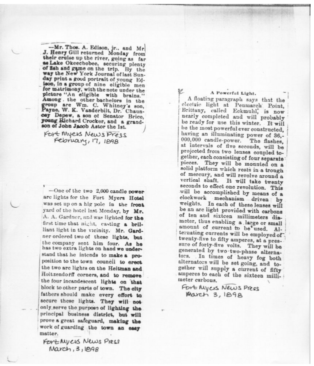

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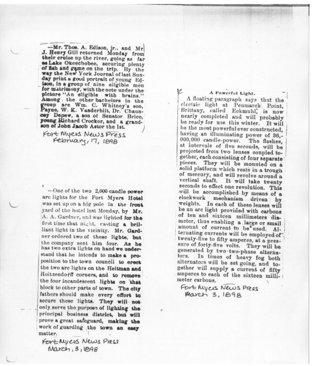

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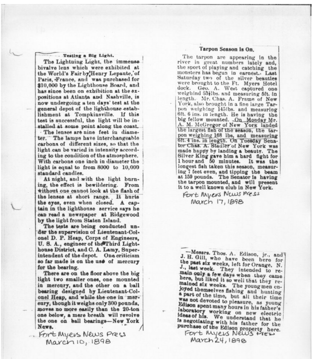

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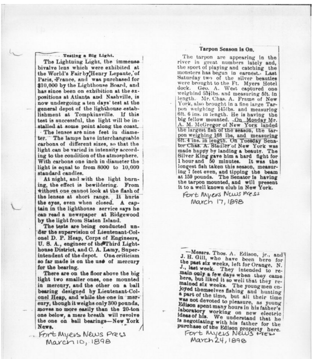

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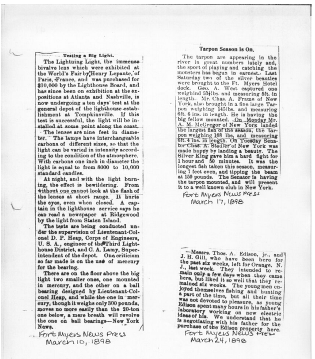

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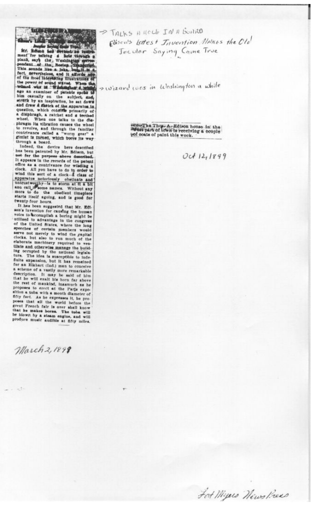

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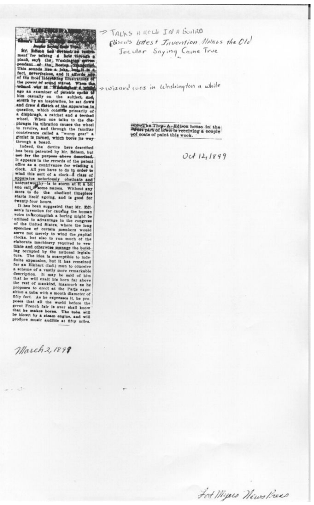

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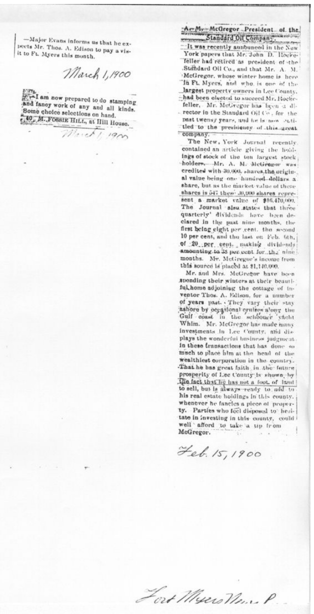

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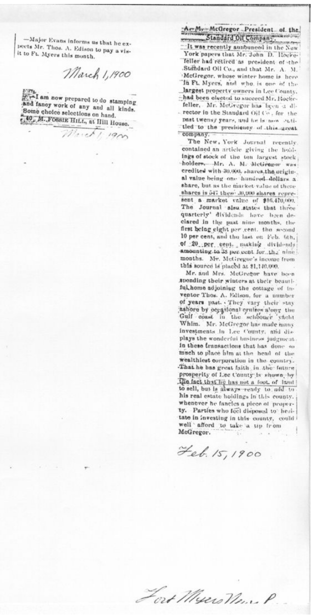

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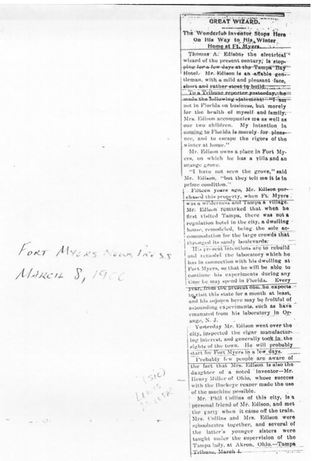

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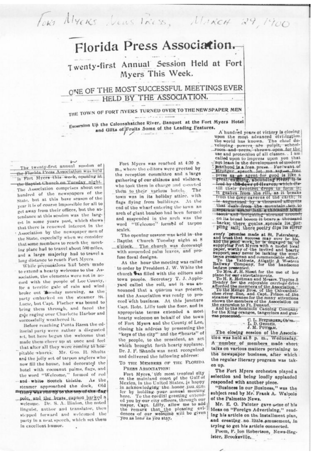

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We bid you welcome, one and all,
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Our hopes are great, our means are small,
We live on expectation.
We're very grateful for your call,
You Press Association.
You're glad to see us too, I guess,
The Press Association;
We know there's nothing like the press
To cause a nice sensation.
And may your shadow ne'er grow less,
You Press Association.

We'll press you, but we will not squeeze
The Press Association;
We'll give you fruit from off our trees
That beats the whole creation.
From trees that never felt a freeze,
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And when you press the golden fruit,
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Then press your lips and press your suit
To sweeten each relation.
And give an extra squeeze to boot,
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Mr. J. H. Norris also pleased the audience with his singing, and was encored. The orchestra played; and then the Association adjourned.

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Limes,	Kumquats,
Pawpaws,	Guavas,
South Am. Guavas,	Cattley Guavas,
Bananas,	Japan Plums,
Tamarinds,	Sapodillas,
Jamaica Apples,	Abbaka Pineapples,
Red Spanish and Golden Queen Pineapples,	
Citron,	Strawberries,
Cocoanuts,	Sugar-cane.

VEGETABLES.

Cabbage,	Rutabagas,
Turnips,	Beets,
Eggplants,	Squash,
Lettuce,	Fresh Garden Peas,
String Beans,	Celery,
Young Onions,	Radishes,
Sugar Corn,	Cauliflower,
Tomatoes.	Green Peppers.

The following is a list of the editors

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and ladies who accompanied them, who were here:

J. W. White, Fraternal Record, Jacksonville.

B. B. Tatum and wife, Metropolis, Miami.

T. J. Appleyard, Inter-Ocean, Key West.

Major E. A. Peabody and wife, Times-Union and Citizen, Jacksonville.

Geo. W. Wilson, editor Times-Union and Citizen, Jacksonville.

W. E. Pabor, Pabor Lake.

Frank V. Baker and wife, Chronicle, Sanford.

Frank A. Walpole and wife, News, Palmetto.

E. O. Painter and wife, Agriculturist, DeLand.

T. E. Arnold and wife, DeLand.

J. Ira Gore, Times, St. Petersburg.

E. B. Calhoun, Times-Courier, Marianna.

A. Winthrop Sargent and wife, Idea, Avon Park.

Walter S. Turner, wife and two children, Journal, Cordeal.

C. L. Bittinger, wife and daughter, Star, Ocala.

Dr. and Mrs. Hughes, Daytona.

Miss Mann, Daytona.

Miss Codrington, News, DeLand.

Frank Horton and wife, News, Arcadia.

Prof. Tom McBeath and wife, Florida School Exponent, Jacksonville.

J. M. Putnam, High Springs.

F. Ion Robertson, News-Register, Brooksville.

Col. Fred L. Robertson, News-Register, Brooksville.

Rev. L. D. Geiger, Citizen, Apopka.

F. C. Edwards and wife, Micanopy.

John Frank, Industrial Florida, Jacksonville.

Theo. B. Hartig, East Floridian, Palatka.

Daniel Gillis, Advocate, Westville.

C. Y. Miller and wife, News, Dunnellon.

W. H. Lawrence, Republican, Tallahassee.

T. E. Child, Champion, Arcadia.

EXCURSION UP THE CALOOSAHATCHEE.

There are a few editors in the State who hold aloof from the Press Association, and have much to say about the "junketing" trips of the Association. We will guarantee that these editors known less about their own State than any member of the Association, for the annual meetings held in various sections of the State, give the members an opportunity to become informed on these localities, as they could not do in any other way. An illustration of this was shown in the excursion up the Caloosahatchee river on Thursday, for few of the editors could picture this river as it really is.

The mail steamer Gray Eagle, Menge Bros., owners, and the steamer Suwanee, Capt. E. W. Prince, had been chartered for the occasion. Both steamers left the Plant Steamboat wharf at 7 a. m., with as jolly a party of editors, and ladies, together with a good sprinkling of town people, as one could find on many a day's travel. The fun was incessant. Jokes and pranks were played on each other, and all hands were "roasted," and even Judge Jenning did not escape, and had to take his medicine with the balance, and by the way the Judge gained quite a reputation as a singer, and you may probably hear more of his ability in this line as the campaign for Governor progresses.

As the steamer passed the jetties and ran into the narrow river, the party become more interested in the scenery. The Devil's Elbow was passed without the Old Boy holding up the party. Now orange groves began to appear on either side of the river, and the banks to rise abrupt from the waters edge. The bends came closer together and formed graceful curves of the river banks. From Caloosa up nearly to Ft. Denaud, which was reached by the Gray Eagle at noon, every turn brought to view a new scene that was fit for a painting. The groves around Alva presented a pleasing picture to eyes accustomed to looking at frozen stumps for the past five years, and so the time past happily for the guests of Ft Myers. A stop was made at the orange groves of Mr. E. E. Goodno, who with his mother welcomed the editors, loading them down with sprigs of blossoms until not a lady was without blossoms. The trees were planned of the few remaining scattering oranges left by the pickers, but Mr. Goodno complained not, but added greatly to the pleasure of the visitors. Three whistles gave notice that the Suwanee was at hand, and another minute saw the two boats tied up. Every one was ready for lunch, which had already been prepared by a delegation of Ft. Myers ladies. Reinforced by another bevy of Ft. Myers young ladies from the Suwanee, plates were passed around, and then every one was helped to cold ham, chicken, boiled eggs, salads, bread and butter, cake, and pies, pickles, olives, coffee, etc., until all had their fill, or rather all except one, as it was afterward discovered that Prof. Tom McBeath had stowed away some biscuits in his hand baggage, and when discovered pleaded ignorance, but was afterward heard to make tempting offers to Major Peabody of the Times-Union and Citizen to keep mum, but the Major isn't built that way. President White also got into trouble going down, and had to drown his troubles [illegible] water—He's game through

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The trip down was almost a repetition of the up trip, and if anything the fun became faster, for all were now in the very best of humor. More of Lee County's fruit possibilities were shown the party by a stop of 10 minutes at Rev. G. T. Raymond's pineries and orange groves, where the plants were seen in fruit and blossom, and so pleased were many of the party that it looked for a few minutes as if about a dozen editors were going to settle in the Alva section.

Fort Myers was reached shortly after 5 o'clock, and if words and looks count for anything the Florida Press Association will remember the trip up the Caloosahatchee for the remainder of their days.

BANQUET AT FORT MYERS HOTEL.

At 8 o'clock Thursday evening the editors and the ladies of their party, together with the leading citizens of the town, began arriving at the Fort Myers Hotel, until the long verandas, the corridors and parlor were crowded, the regular guests of the house mingling with the visitors. Floral decorations were to be seen on every hand, forming a picture of beauty long to be remembered. The Fort Myers band performed on the south verandas, while the guests promenaded and conversed. After awhile Capt. W. O. Rew brought his new patent phonograph into the parlor, and showed the difference in sound between his and the phonograph now in use. Thus, our guests while here, saw one of the first phonographs ever made, and also the latest improved machine.

In the dining-room a transformation was rapidly taking place. The small dining-tables had been removed, and one large table extending around the four sides of the room had been set up. At 9:30 o'clock the dining-room doors were thrown open, and a beautiful sight was presented. In the center of the room was a large floral decoration, while on every hand were flowers and plants from the tropical gardens of Fort Myers. Covers were laid for eighty-three persons, and each place was occupied. Besides the floral decorations, the ingenious chef had shown his master hand in several set pieces, that on the center table being a fantastic piece, on the side table a ship under full sail, with the letters "F. P. A." thereon was greatly admired, and on the left side was the hut of a fisherman, all made of mutton tallow, and articles which required the slow work of days to bring together.

The procession to the seats was led by the mayor, Capt. Lilly, and who took his place at the center of the huge square-formed table. On his right was President White, Secretary Appleyard, Mr. Geo. W. White and Judge Jennings. On his left was Vice President Tatum and wife, and Treasurer Peabody and wife. At the word from the mayor all were seated. Before each plate was a handsomely printed menu of four pages, with the title, "Banquet to the Florida Press Association" on the outside, the menu filling two inside pages, and the names of the officers of the association on the fourth page, the whole being enclosed in a cover of pretty and appropriate design. The following was the

MENU:

Oyster Cocktail.
"For this relief much thank."—Hamlet.

Radishes. Olives.
Cream of Celeri. Consomme Imperiale.
"Slow but sure, like summer's advent."
—Jenkins.

Filet of Caloosahatchee River Trout, a la Montreuill.
Potatoes Parisienne.
"From the rude sea's enraged and foamy mouth."—Twelfth Night.

ST. JULIENNE.
"Then methought I heard a mellow sound."—Tennyson.

Boiled Leg of Southdown Mutton, Caper Sauce.
New Green Peas.
"Unlike the editor, green and fresh."
—Anon.

Breast of Chicken en Crustade, a la Reine.
"And count their chickens ere they're hatched."—Butler.

CARDINAL PUNCH.
"Since punch and life so well agree."
—Blacklock.

Roast Wild Turkey, Sweet Potato Dressing, Cranberry Sauce.
"But man, curs'd man, on turkeys pray."
—Gay.

Stuffed Tomatoes. Potato Croquettes.
Asparagus, Sauce Hollandaise.
"Bears vegetables in a grumbling way."
—Byron.

HAUT SAUTERNE.
"Sparkling bubbles of pure delight."
—Jenkins.

Salade Russe.
"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

Strawberry Ice Cream.

CHAMPAGNE.
"Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

Assorted Cake.
Edam Cheese. American Cheese.
Water Wafers.
Nuts. Layer Raisins.
"The last taste of sweets is sweeter last."
—Richard II.

COFFEE.

Cigars.

SET PIECES.
South Florida Fisher Home.
The Florida Press Association Yacht.
Piece de Fantasie.

The entire menu was a delight to the guests, who showed their appreciation in every manner. And while they sat and enjoyed the dainty dishes set before them, the mayor, who acted as toastmaster, gave out the toasts, the first being "Our Visitors," and the parties called upon failing to respond the mayor handled the subject in a few well-chosen words. President White responded to the toast, "The Florida Press Association," and Philip Isaacs to the toast "Our Departing Guests." Mr. Geo. W. Wilson made the hit of the evening in response to the toast, "The Press." R. A. Henderson spoke on "Lee County." The toast, "We Came, We Saw," brought Mr. Frank A. Walpole to his feet; and to the toast, "They Came, We Heard," Capt. Robt. Lilly responded in a complimentary manner. The last toast, "The Ladies," was responded to by Mr. Frank V. Baker. Then President White called on the banqueters to rise and drink to the health of the mayor, which was done.

The elaborateness of the banquet was a surprise to many accustomed to such functions in large cities. Every detail was looked after by Manager Abbott and carried out without a single hitch. The table service was as fine as could be found anywhere, while roses were spread in profusion along its entire length. And the manner each course was served was a credit to the girls, all whom being intelligent and bright entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion and carried out their parts to perfection. It speaks volumes for the service when we state that each course was served to the eighty-three guests as rapidly as if there had been a waiter for each couple, and each dish was as warm as when it left the kitchen. Mr. Abbott and his corps of assistants have certainly cause to feel proud for the manner in which the banquet was handled, and it proved to be the most delightful affair of a series of entertainments to the editors.

BASKETS OF FRUIT.

With grape-fruit at $15 per box and King oranges at $20, it was no easy matter to ask our citizens to reserve their fruit for the visit of the editors. But enough was saved to give each a good taste of Fort Myers fruits. When the editors went aboard the Saint Lucie homeward bound, each editor was presented with a basket, upon the handle of each was tied with ribbon a tarpon scale, upon which was printed, "Compliments of Citizens of Ft. Myers," with date and occasion of meeting. Each basket contained three grape fruit, one king orange, a tangerine, several seedling oranges, kumquats, bananas, and a can of catley guavas from Seminole Canning Co., and so the editors were sent on their way rejoicing, with oft repeated expressions of thanks to our citizens, for the entertainment received, and expressions to the effect that their visit to Ft. Myers would ever be remembered with pleasure and gratification.

NOTES.

The kumquats given the editors were the contribution of Mr. E. L. Evans.

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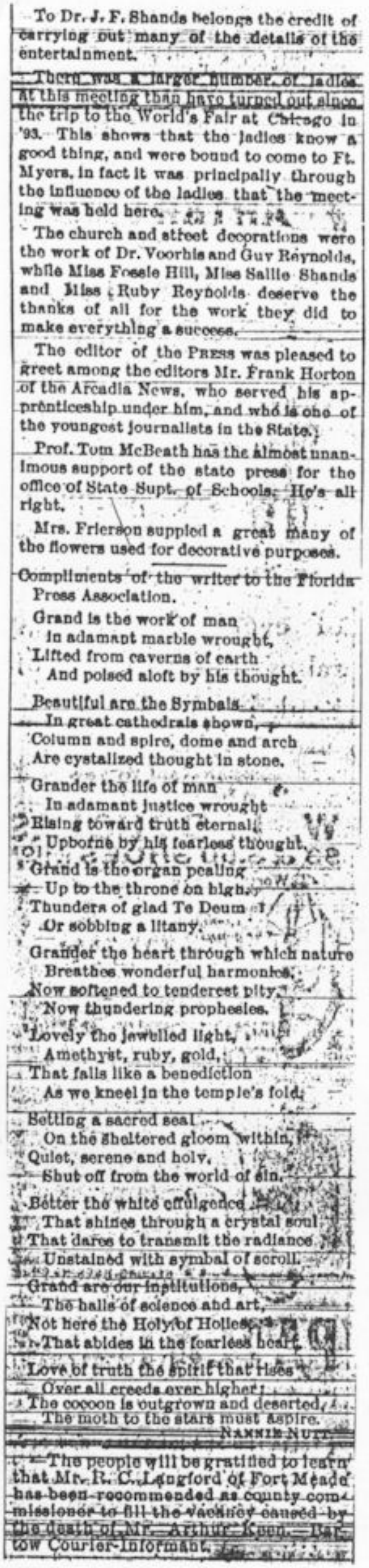

To Dr. J. F. Shands belongs the credit of carrying out many of the details of the entertainment.

There was a larger number of ladies at this meeting than have turned out since the trip to the World's Fair at Chicago in '93. This shows that the ladies know a good thing, and were bound to come to Ft. Myers, in fact it was principally through the influence of the ladies that the meeting was held here.

The church and street decorations were the work of Dr. Voorhis and Guy Reynolds, while Miss Fossie Hill, Miss Sallie Shands and Miss Ruby Reynolds deserve the thanks of all for the work they did to make everything a success.

The editor of the PRESS was pleased to greet among the editors Mr. Frank Horton of the Arcadia News, who served his apprenticeship under him, and who is one of the youngest journalists in the State.

Prof. Tom McBeath has the almost unanimous support of the state press for the office of State Supt. of Schools. He's all right.

Mrs. Frierson supplied a great many of the flowers used for decorative purposes.

Compliments of the writer to the Florida Press Association.

Grand is the work of man
In adamant marble wrought,
Lifted from caverns of earth
And poised aloft by his thought.

Beautiful are the Symbols
In great cathedrals shown,
Column and spire, dome and arch
Are cystalized thought in stone.

Grander the life of man
In adamant justice wrought
Rising toward truth eternal,
Upborne by his fearless thought.

Grand is the organ pealing
Up to the throne on high,
Thunders of glad Te Deum
Or sobbing a litany.

Grander the heart through which nature
Breathes wonderful harmonies,
Now softened to tenderest pity,
Now thundering prophesies.

Lovely the jewelled light,
Amethyst, ruby, gold,
That falls like a benediction
As we kneel in the temple's fold;

Setting a sacred seal
On the sheltered gloom within,
Quiet, serene and holy,
Shut off from the world of sin.

Better the white effulgence
That shines through a crystal soul
That dares to transmit the radiance
Unstained with symbal of scroll.

Grand are our institutions,
The halls of science and art,
Not here the Holy of Holies
That abides in the fearless heart.

Love of truth the spirit that rises
Over all creeds ever higher;
The cocoon is outgrown and deserted,
The moth to the stars must aspire.

NANNIE NUTT.

The people will be gratified to learn that Mr. R. C. Langford of Fort Meade has been recommended as county commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Arthur Keen.—Bartow Courier-Informant.

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DEATH OF A. M. MCGREGOR.

Mr. H. E. Heitman received a telegram from New York yesterday noon conveying the information that Mr. A. M. McGregor had died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been suffering with a cancer in the throat since last spring, and while here with Mrs. McGregor was being treated for this trouble, which despite all that medical science could do ended his life.

The news of his death will be received with sadness throughout Lee County, as he had come to be one of the largest developers of the resources of our county. His winter home was here in Ft. Myers, where for a number of years past he has delighted to come, and ~~divide his time~~ there and on Mrs. McGregor's yacht Whim.

Mr. McGregor was a self made man, and was rapidly coming to the fore as one of the great men shaping the course of the great Standard Oil Company, of which he has been a director for a number of years, and last winter was chosen president of one of the divisions of that company. The New York Journal last winter stated that he was credited with owning 30,000 shares of Standard Oil stock, representing a market value of $16,000,000. If this is correct his wealh at this time must be in the neighborhood of $20,000,000 to $25,000,000.

His summer home was at Mamaroneck on Long Island Sound.

Besides his winter home he owned valuable property all over Lee County. At Caloosa he owned a 500-acre tract extending for two miles on the north bank of the river, upon which there is a 100 acre orange grove. He owns bearing groves at New Prospect, Fort Myers and other places in the county, besides Fort Myers property, a valuable tract on Estero Island, and several small islands on the Gulf Coast. He had great faith in Lee County, and would have greatly extended his improvements in the next year.

Mr. McGregor was 57 years of age, and up to the time he was attacked with cancer, was in the full vigor of manhood.

The bereaved widow and son have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Ft. Myers.

Every voter in South Florida should vote for Ocala for the Capital. South Florida is the growing section of the State. In ten years time the wealth and population south of Ocala will greatly overbalance that north of Ocala. Settle the question once for all and vote for the place that is nearest the center of population and the geographical center of the State. Florida's capital should be in a section of

Two Accounts of a Recent Meeting at Buckingham.

BUCKINGHAM, Oct., 29th 1900.

EDITOR FORT MYERS PRESS.

DEAR SIR:—An interesting meeting of the Democrats of Precinct No. 3 at Buckingham, was held Friday evening at 7 o'clock, the call having been made by Commissioner William Gomm, after several days notice in the precinct, Mr. R. A. Owens presiding. The chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Gomm, who made quite a long address to an attentive audience, although small. It made up in earnestness and enthusiasm in the subjects presented to them. Mr. Gomm gave them an account of his stewardship as their commissioner, and fully explained the duties of a county commissioner, which was well received, explaining many things regarding taxation, public improvements, etc., now in progress and to be introduced, among them was the need of a public dock at Fort Myers, and good public roads. He was followed by Mr. F. Wilson, who spoke with some spirit at variance with the former speaker. The meeting listened with much patience, and before adjournment considered it advisable to change their County Executive committeeman, ~~which they, by resolution, did~~ and elected Mr. J. C. Anderson to succeed him. The meeting lasted nearly three hours and although not largely attended, was quite interesting and instructive. Taking it all through it was the best meeting had here in a long time.

Yours,

VOX POPULI.

Pursuant to notice given by Mr. Gomm, county commissioner, and candidate for re-election from the Buckingham district, No. 2, nine voters, including Mr. G. assembled at the school house at 7 p. m., 26th inst. After several nominations Mr. R. A. Owens was chosen as chairman, and the meeting proceeded to business without any secretary, as none could be obtained.

Mr. G. introduced himself and stated that he wished to make his report of stewardship as County Commissioner, and advocate his claims for re-election, which he did at some length, and from his statement he is the author of every measure (with several yet to hatch) of importance that has been passed by the Board since he has been a member. He severely criticized the old Boards, and members of the present one, except the one of the same nationality as himself, as being not up-to-date, and appropriating money that they were not entitled to. After which he introduced some measure that the little audience acted on, which was premature, as notice had not been given

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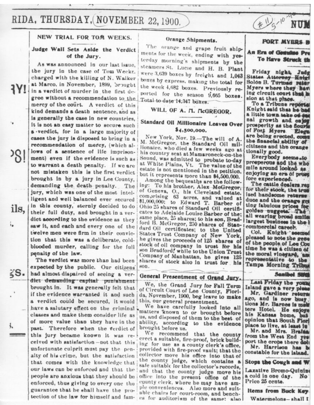

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NEW TRIAL FOR TOM WEEKS.

Judge Wall Sets Aside the Verdict of the Jury.

As was announced in our last issue, the jury in the case of Tom Weeks, charged with the killing of N. Walker at Marco, in November, 1899, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree without a recommendation to the mercy of the court. A verdict of this kind demands a death sentence, and as is generally the case in new countries, it is not an easy matter to secure such a verdict, for in a large majority of cases the jury is disposed to bring in a recommendation of mercy, (which allows of a sentence of life imprisonment) even if the evidence is such as to warrant a death penalty. If we are not mistaken this is the first verdict brought in by a jury in Lee County, demanding the death penalty. The jury, which was one of the most intelligent and well balanced ever secured in this county, sternly decided to do their full duty, and brought in a verdict according to the evidence as they saw it, and each and every one of the twelve men were firm in their conviction that this was a deliberate, cold-blooded murder, calling for the full penalty of the law.

The verdict was more than had been expected by the public. Our citizens had almost dispaired of seeing a verdict demanding capital punishment brought in. It was generally felt that if the evidence warranted it and such a verdict could be secured, it would have a salutary effect on the criminal classes and make them consider life as of more value than they have in the past. Therefore when the verdict of this jury became known it was received with satisfaction—not that this unfortunate culprit must pay the penalty of his crime, but the satisfaction that comes with the knowledge that our laws can be enforced and that the people are anxious that they should be enforced, thus giving to every one the guarantee that he shall have the protection of the law for himself and fam-

Orange Shipments.

The orange and grape fruit shipments for the week, ending with yesterday morning's shipments by the steamers St. Lucie and H. B. Plant were 3,639 boxes by freight and 1,043 boxes by express, making the total for the week 4,682 boxes. Previously reported for the season 9,665 boxes. Total to date 14,347 boxes.

WILL OF A. M. McGREGOR.

Standard Oil Millionaire Leaves Over $4,500,000.

New York, Nov. 19.—The will of A. M. McGregor, the Standard Oil millionaire, who died a few weeks ago at his country seat at Mamaroneck-on-the Sound, was admitted to probate to-day at White Plains, Vt. The value of the estate is not mentioned in the petition, but it represents more than $4,500,000.

Among the bequeaths are the following: To his brother, Alex McGregor, of Geneva, O., his Cleveland estate, comprising 63 acres, and valued at $1,000,000; to Edward T. Barber of Ohio 25 shares of Standard Oil certificates to Adelaide Louise Barber of the; same place, 25 shares; to his son, Bradford B. McGregor, 250 shares of Standard Oil certificates; to the United States Trust Company of New York, he gives the proceeds of 125 shares of stock of oil company in trust for his son Bradford, while to the Union Trust Company of Manhattan, he gives 125 shares of stock also in trust for his son.

General Presentment of Grand Jury.

We, the Grand Jury for Fall Term of Circuit Court of Lee County, Florida, November, 1900, beg leave to make this, our general presentment.

We have carefully looked into all matters known to or brought before us, and disposed of them to the best of ability, according to the evidence brought before us.

We recommend that the county erect a suitable, fire-proof, brick building for use as a county clerk's office, provided with fire-proof vault; that the collector move his office into that of the county judge, which contains a safe suitable for the collector's records, and that the county judge move his office into the present office of the county clerk, where he may have ample conveniences. Also more and suitable chairs for court-room, and benches for auditorism of the same; also

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Friday night, Judg States Attorney Knigh Solon B. Turman retur Myers where they hav ing circuit court that h sion at that place.

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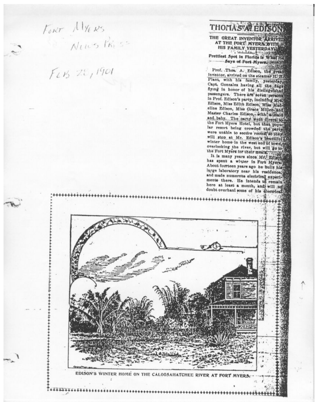

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THOMAS A. EDISON

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Prettiest Spot in Florida is What He Says of Fort Myers.

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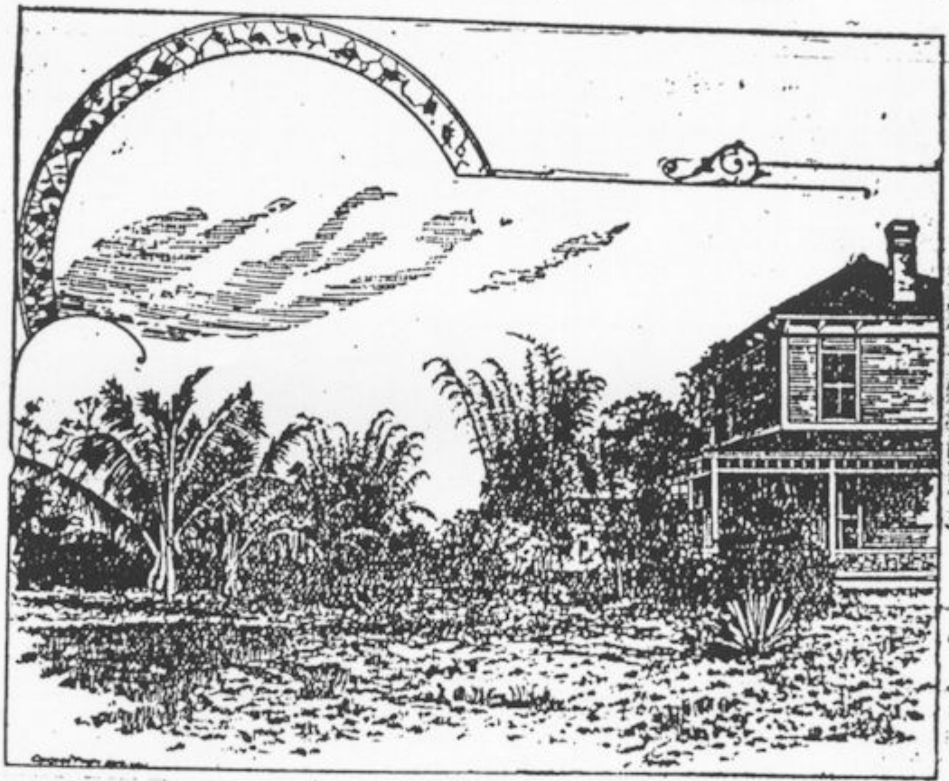

EDISON'S WINTER HOME ON THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER AT FORT MYERS.

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apparatus when the opportunity presents itself.

Mr. Edison enthusiastically remarked to us yesterday that Fort Myers was "finer than ever." "It is the prettiest place in Florida," he said, "and sooner or later visitors to the East Coast will find it out." The party took carriages for a drive through town and to the winter home of the inventor yesterday afternoon, where he was greatly pleased with everything, and at once decided to improve his laboratory, rebuild the dock, and improve the property generally.

WHAT EDISON HAS DONE FOR THE HUMAN RACE.

The New York Journal of last Sunday publishes a picture of Mr. Edison in his office, and gives a column account of his newest invention, a storage battery, that it is claimed will make coal and steam [illegible]ess, and which will revolutionize manufactories, commerce, etc. Miss Dickison who wrote a book about Edison and his inventions wrote, too:

"An exhaustive survey of Edison's inventions would constitute in itself a moderate sized library.

"So, to be brief, only a few of the Wizzard's inventions between 1869 and 1991 will be mentioned here:

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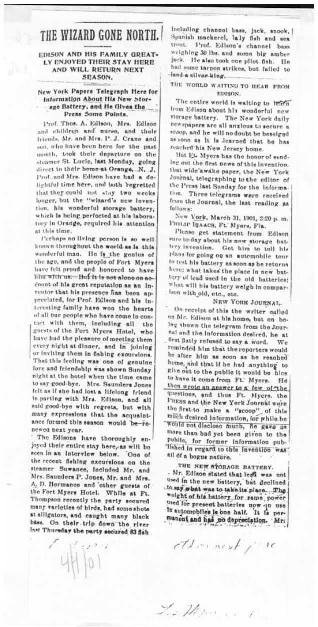

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Perhaps no living person is so well known throughout the world as is this wonderful man. He is the genius of the age, and the people of Fort Myers have felt proud and honored to have him with us. But it is not alone on account of his great reputation as an inventor that his presence has been appreciated, for Prof. Edison and his interesting family have won the hearts of all our people who have come in contact with them, including all the guests of the Fort Myers Hotel, who have had the pleasure of meeting them every night at dinner, and in joining or inviting them in fishing excursions. That this feeling was one of genuine love and friendship was shown Sunday night at the hotel when the time came to say good-bye. Mrs. Saunders Jones felt as if she had lost a lifelong friend in parting with Mrs. Edison, and all said good-bye with regrets, but with many expressions that the acquaintance formed this season would be renewed next year.

The Edisons have thoroughly enjoyed their entire stay here, as will be seen in an interview below. One of the recent fishing excursions on the steamer Suwanee, included Mr. and Mrs. Saunders P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hermance and other guests of the Fort Myers Hotel. While at Ft. Thompson recently the party secured many varieties of birds, had some shots at alligators, and caught many black bass. On their trip down the river last Thursday the party secured 83 fish including channel bass, jack, snook, Spanish mackerel, laly fish and sea trout. Prof. Edison's channel bass weighing 30 lbs. and some big amber jack. He also took one pilot fish. He had some tarpon strikes, but failed to land a silver king.

THE WORLD WAITING TO HEAR FROM EDISON.

The entire world is waiting to learn from Edison about his wonderful new storage battery. The New York daily newspapers are all anxious to secure a scoop, and he will no doubt be beseigd as soon as it is learned that he has reached his New Jersey home.

But Ft. Myers has the honor of sending out the first news of this invention, that wide awake paper, the New York Journal, telegraphing to the editor of the Press last Sunday for the information. Three telegrams were received from the Journal, the last reading as follows:

New York, March 31, 1901, 2:20 p. m.
PHILIP ISAACS, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Please get statement from Edison sure to-day about his new storage battery invention. Get him to tell his plans for going on an automobile tour to test his battery as soon as he returns here: what takes the place in new battery of lead used in the old batteries; what will his battery weigh in comparison with old, etc., etc.

NEW YORK JOURNAL.

On receipt of this the writer called on Mr. Edison at his home, but on being shown the telegram from the Journal and the information desired, he at first flatly refused to say a word. We reminded him that the reporters would be after him as soon as he reached home, and that if he had anything to give out to the public it would be nice to have it come from Ft. Myers. He then wrote an answer to a few of the questions, and thus Ft. Myers, the PRESS and the New York Journal were the first to make a "scoop" of this much desired information, for while he would not disclose much, he gave us more than had yet been given to the public, for former information published in regard to this invention was all of a bogus nature.

THE NEW STORAGE BATTERY.

Mr. Edison stated that lead was not used in the new battery, but declined to say what was to take its place. The weight of his battery for same power used for present batteries now in use in automobiles is one half. It is permanent and has no depreciation. Mr.

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Prof. Thos. A. Edison, Mrs. Edison and children and nurse, and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Crane and son, who have been hero for the past month, took their departure on the steamer St. Lucie, last Monday, going direct to their home at Orange, N. J. Prof. and Mrs. Edison have had a delightful time here, and both regretted that they could not stay two weeks longer, but the "wizard's new invention, his wonderful storage battery, which is being perfected at his laboratory in Orange, required his attention at this time.

Perhaps no living person is so well known throughout the world as is this wonderful man. He is the genius of the age, and the people of Fort Myers have felt proud and honored to have him with us. But it is not alone on account of his great reputation as an inventor that his presence has been appreciated, for Prof. Edison and his interesting family have won the hearts of all our people who have come in contact with them, including all the guests of the Fort Myers Hotel, who have had the pleasure of meeting them every night at dinner, and in joining or inviting them in fishing excursions. That this feeling was one of genuine love and friendship was shown Sunday night at the hotel when the time came to say good-bye. Mrs. Saunders Jones felt as if she had lost a lifelong friend in parting with Mrs. Edison, and all said good-bye with regrets, but with many expressions that the acquaintance formed this season would be renewed next year.

The Edisons have thoroughly enjoyed their entire stay here, as will be seen in an interview below. One of the recent fishing excursions on the steamer Suwanee, included Mr. and Mrs. Saunders P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hermance and other guests of the Fort Myers Hotel. While at Ft. Thompson recently the party secured many varieties of birds, had some shots at alligators, and caught many black bass. On their trip down the river last Thursday the party secured 83 fish including channel bass, jack, snook, Spanish mackerel, lady fish and sea trout. Prof. Edison's channel bass weighing 30 lbs. and some big amber jack. He also took one pilot fish. He had some tarpon strikes, but failed to land a silver king.

THE WORLD WAITING TO HEAR FROM EDISON.

The entire world is waiting to learn from Edison about his wonderful new storage battery. The New York daily newspapers are all anxious to secure a scoop, and he will no doubt be beseiged as soon as it is learned that he has reached his New Jersey home.

But Ft. Myers has the honor of sending out the first news of this invention, that wide-awake paper, the New York Journal, telegraphing to the editor of the Press last Sunday for the information. Three telegrams were received from the Journal, the last reading as follows:

New York, March 31, 1901, 2:20 p. m.
PHILIP ISAACS, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Please get statement from Edison sure to-day about his new storage battery invention. Get him to tell his plans for going on an automobile tour to test his battery as soon as he returns here; what takes the place in new battery of lead used in the old batteries; what will his battery weigh in comparison with old, etc., etc.

NEW YORK JOURNAL.

On receipt of this the writer called on Mr. Edison at his home, but on being shown the telegram from the Journal and the information desired, he at first flatly refused to say a word. We reminded him that the reporters would be after him as soon as he reached home, and that if he had anything to give out to the public it would be nice to have it come from Ft. Myers. He then wrote an answer to a few of the questions, and thus Ft. Myers, the PRESS and the New York Journal were the first to make a "scoop" of this much desired information, for while he would not disclose much, he gave us more than had yet been given to the public, for former information published in regard to this invention was all of a bogus nature.

THE NEW STORAGE BATTERY.

Mr. Edison stated that lead was not used in the new battery, but declined to say what was to take its place. The weight of his battery for same power used for present batteries now in use in automobiles is one half. It is permanent and has no depreciation. Mr.

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Edison has discovered a new reaction in chemistry, and his new invention is based upon this new discovery. He declined to give other facts in connection with this invention. The above facts may not seem very important to the laymen, but it means much. For instance the difficulty with automobiles built to-day are their great weight, and the manufacturers are finding it difficult to make a success of the business. Edison proposes to reduce the weight of the storage batteries one-half. Under his new discovery a bat-can be charged to run, say 100 miles. The machine may be run 10 miles, and may not be used for a week or month again, but the power to run the other 90 miles will be found still stored in this battery. The above information was telegraphed to the Journal Sunday evening and appeared in Monday morning's Journal

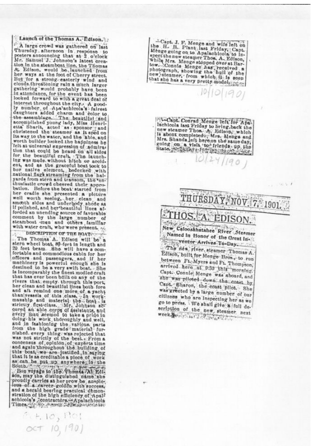
When Mr. Edison applied at the patent office for a patent right for his new invention it was at first refused. It was said that the idea was impracticable and could not be carried out. Edison showed that it was practicable and finally succeeded in securing a patent. Edison has no doubt of the complete success of his storage battery. A company has been formed of five or six persons, whose names we are not permitted to give. They are among the largest owners of railroads in the country. The capital stock subscribed is $500,000, and the bonds are held in escrow for two years, and not a share of stock can be sold in that time by any one of the stock holders. Capitalists are trying to get into the company, but cannot secure a dollar of stock. We are informed that Mr. Edison had already refused $2,000,000 for this invention. In connection with this, Mr. Edison will bring here next season two electric launches supplied with these storage batteries, and he says he can sit in his boat and fish, controlling the speed and steering the boat with his foot.

INTERVIEWED FOR THE PRESS.

Our reporter interviewed Mr. Edison at the Fort Myers Hotel last Saturday night to learn his views on Fort Myers and as to how he had enjoyed his stay here. Mr. Edison at once became enthusiastic over Fort Myers, and reiterated his former statement that it was the prettiest town in Florida. "For a winter residence," said Mr. Edison, "nothing equals it, and the fishing is unlimited and includes every known variety." He stated that he would have his laboratory fitted up in first-class shape, and that he had sent away to secure a great variety of tropical plants and shrubs to set out in his grounds. He was very enthusiastic over the fishing, saying he had taken 13 varieties of fish in one day's fishing. He was struck with the great variety and quantities of birds to be found at Lake Hickpochee.

He expressed himself as greatly surprised at the many orange groves being set out on the Caloosahatchee river, and made the remark that it would be a very lively river in five years. Asked what he thought would be done with all the Florida oranges, he said, "we will eat them all up north" He believes our soil should be irrigated in the spring months, and will send down hose to use in irrigating his place.

Mr. Edison stated that he would return here next season on March 1st and remain until April 15th, and that he proposed to come back every season hereafter. He will have an engineer to run his engines and start up his dynamos, and from these will charge the storage batteries for his electric launches, light up his premises with electricity, and conduct his experiments.



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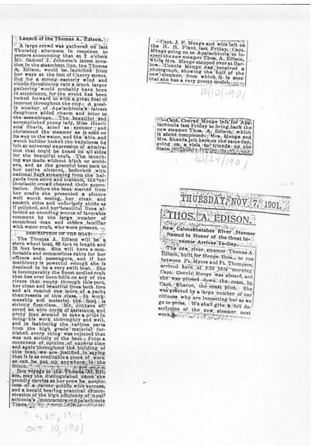

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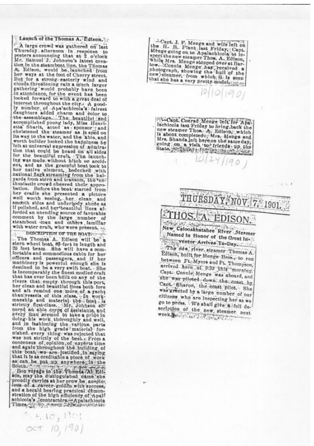

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Orange Shipments.

Since our last report the number of boxes of oranges and grape fruit shipped from here by freight is 7,065, and by express 1,548 boxes. Previously reported 11,624 boxes. Total number of boxes shipped to date 20,237.

New Schedule on Plant System.

It will noticed that a new schedule will go into effect on the Punta Gorda division of the Plant System on Nov. 24th. A Pullman car service will be put on between Jacksonville and Punta Gorda, the train leaving Jacksonville at 8 p. m. and arrive at Punta Gorda at 7:40 a. m., making connections with staemers for Ft. Myers, which will leave at 8 a. m. The north bound train will leave Punta Gorda at 6 p. m., reaching Jacksonville at 7. a. m. the following morning.

—Messrs. J. W. Furen of Estero, and D. J. Shaw, school teacher at Survey, were visitors here last Saturday. Mr. Furen left us a "hand" of a tomato plant showing six good sized tomatoes, as a sample of his crop at Estero, and from the looks of this vine the yield will certainly be large.

—Mr. A. W. Rogers is back at his old stand in Washburn & Co.'s store, up to his ears repairing watches, clocks, etc. The firm have had another show window put in the store front for the display of jewelry, which is a great improvement to the store.

—While at Apalachicola Jerome Walker passed an examination as en-

—Messas Hendry, Towles & Lybass owners of the schooner Wave, have decided to put her on the run between here and Mobile, Ala., for the transportion of freight and passengers. Parties wishing to ship freight or take passage to Mobile should write or call on them.

—Capt. C. A. Rylander is having trouble with parties breaking into his place at Surveyor's Creek and stealing sugar cane. Also trespassing on his property west of town. He wishes us to give warning to these parties that he is going to use a shot gun, and that they must take the consequences if he catches any of them on his premises.

—Miss Frances Pearde gave a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Matthews, on Sanibel, last Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. G. Parkinson. A large number were present, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ingram O. Travers and Miss Dot Stout going from here. The affair was a pleasant one for all who attended.

LUMBER.—Have just received part of consignment of 75,000 feet of lumber from Apalachicola, and another schooner will arrive with the balance in a few days. Having my yard located at the foot of the Blount dock, have saved heavy expense in hauling lumber, which enables me to offer lumber for sale at close figures.
C. F. ROBERTS.

—Mr. Lock Campbell of San Antonio, Texas, who has a fine young grove at Labelle, arrived here yesterday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

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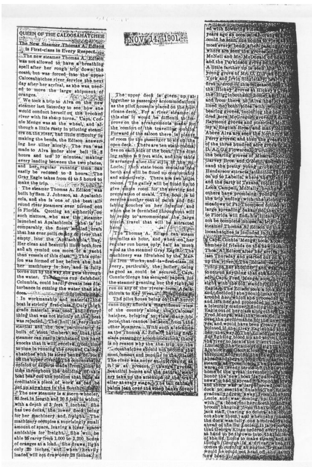

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The New Steamer Thomas A. Edison is First-class in Every Respect.

The new steamer Thomas A. Edison was not allowed to have a breathing spell after her rough trip down the coast, but was forced into the upper Caloosahatchee river service the next day after her arrival, as she was needed to move the large shipment of oranges.

We took a trip to Alva on the new steamer last Saturday to see how she would conduct herself on the crooked river with its sharp turns. Capt. Connie Menge was at the wheel, and although a little rusty in piloting steamers on the river, had little difficulty in making the bends, the Edison answering her tiller nicely. The run was made to Alva under slow bell in 3 hours and ten 10 minutes, making every landing between the two places, and her regular running time can easily be reduced to 3 hours. The Gray Eagle takes from 4½ to 5 hours to make the trip.

The steamer Thomas A. Edison was built by Sam. J. Johnson, at Apalachicola, and she is one of the best all round river steamers ever turned out in Florida. Quoting an authority on such matters, who saw the steamer launched at Apalachicola "she is incomparably the finest modeled craft that has ever built on any of river that empty into the Apalachicola Bay. Her clean and beautiful lines both fore and aft remind one more of a yacht than vessels of this class." This opinion was formed of her before she had her machinery in her, and is fully borne out by the way she gets through the water. The famous cup defender, Columbia, could hardly create less disturbance in cutting the water than she does.

In workmanship and material the boat is strictly first-class. Only high grade material was used and everything that was not strictly of the best was rejected. The hull is very substantial and the bow particularly is built of stout timbers so that the steamer can easily withstand the hard knocks that it will receive from time to time in running the crooked Caloosahatchee with its steep banks of rock on the upper river. The concensus of opinion of experts made from time to time throughout the building of this boat bear out the opinion that it is as creditable a piece of work as can be put up anywhere in the South.

The new steamer is a stern-wheeler, 80 feet in length and 20.5 feet in width, with a depth of 3 feet 7 inches. She has two decks, the lower deck being for her machinery and freight. The machinery occupies a suprisingly small amount of space, leaving a clear space amidships for freight. She will be able to carry from 1.000 to 1,200 boxes of oranges at a load. She draws light only 20 inches, and when heavily loaded will not draw over 28 inches.

The upper deck is given up altogether to passenger accommodations as the pilot house is placed on the hurricane deck. For a river steamer of this size it would be difficult to improve on the arrangements made for the comfort of the travelling public. Forward of the saloon there is plenty of room for the passenger to sit on the open deck. There are ten state-rooms, five on each side of the boat. The dining saloon is 9 feet wide, and the table is arranged after the style of the St. Lucie. Each state room contains one berth and will be fitted up comfortably and attractively. There are two toilet rooms. The galley will be fitted up to give ample room for the serving and preparation of meals. The boat is to receive another coat of paint and finishing touches on her interior and when she is furnished throughout will be ready to accommodate the large tourist travel that will be attracted here.

The Thomas A. Edison can steam ten miles an hour, and when on her regular run burns only half as much wood as the steamer Gray Eagle. The machinery was furnished by the Marine Iron Works, and is first-class in every particular, the boiler being as good as could be secured. Capt. Connie Menge has secured papers for the steamer granting her the right to run on any of the rivers from Apalachicola to Key West.

The pilot house being on the hurricane deck, affords a magnificent view of the country along the Caloosahatchee, bringing to view many objects that cannot be seen from the other steamers. With such a steamer as the Thomas A. Edison having first-class passenger accommodations, there is no reason why the the trip up the Caloosahatchee should not become the most famous and popular in the State. The river was never so interesting as it is at present. Orange groves, beautiful homes and the natural scenery take up the attention of the traveller at every stage. The tall cabbage palms lean over the steep banks covered with flowering vines. [illegible] years ago an occasional orange [illegible] could be seen, one comes to view [illegible] most every bend after passing O[illegible] where are seen the groves of [illegible] McNeil and Mr. McDonald on one [illegible] and the Parkinson grove on the [illegible] A little farther up is seen the [illegible] young grove of Mr. O. C. Post of [illegible] York and Irvin Singletary, bearing [illegible] first crop this season. [illegible] the Hickey groves at Hickey's C[illegible] the Higginbotham home at Ri[illegible] and from there to Alva the river [illegible] lined on both sides with young [illegible] bearing groves, including the one hundred acre McGregor grove, Adam[illegible] Raymond groves and pineries, McKi[illegible]ley's, English Bros., and many others. Above Alva are seen the Northrup [illegible] Perry groves, and then the great [illegible] of the three hundred acre grove [illegible] D. A. G. A. Flowerree. Further up [illegible] the bearing groves of Messrs. Good[illegible] Garvey Bros. and O'Neill, and [illegible]naud the pretty young grove of [illegible] Henderson attracts attention, and [illegible] on up to Labelle, where the Hend[illegible] and the party of Texans, including [illegible] Lock Campell, McNally brothers [illegible] others have promising young groves, the trip ending with the rich gre[illegible] meadows of Ft. Thompson dotted wi[illegible] large spreading oaks. So the visitor to Florida will find his itinerary will not be complete unless a trip on [illegible] steamer Thomas A. Edison up the [illegible]loosahatchee is included in it.

Capt. Connie Menge took aboard [illegible] number of friends on the new steamer Thos. A. Edison after her arrival here last Thursday and started out on a trip up the river. The Edison carried a "chip on her shoulder" and was ready to outrun anything that she encountered. Capt. Fred Menge soon hove in sight with the old standby, the Gray Eagle. The Edison took a look at her and decided she could make rings around her, which she proceeded to do and left her and proceeded to town in a leisurely manner, finding the Gray Eagle out of her class altogether. Capt. Fred Menge was the most delighted over the performance of the new [illegible]ves, and would have been greatly disappointed if the Gray Eagle had shown her the way. The Edison now had her fighting blood up and set out down the river to tackle the Plant liner St. Lucie. She came in sight about [illegible] o'clock. Geo. Kinze was at the throttle and spied the new steamer ahead and began to get up as much steam as possible. The steamers were on even terms off the winter home of the great inventor in whose honor the new boat is named. The news had spread around town and there was a large crowd on the dock to see the finish. The Edison gradually drew away from the St. Lucie and was coming up the river with "a bone in her teeth" and a broom hanging from the top of the jack staff, (having no colors she could not show them,) and when she passed the dock was fully one hundred yards ahead of the St. Lucie. It is reported that George Kinze ordered everything at hand to be thrown into the boilers of the St. Lucie to make steam, and although George is a driver when it comes to running an engine, try as he would he could not head off the saucy new boat.

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Struck a squall about 20 miles off shore and ran in to shoal water, 8 p. m.

Anchored between Piney Point and Cedar Keys, about half way, 10 p. m.

Monday, 4th:

Got under way, 6 a. m.

Off Cedar Keys, 10 a. m.

Anchored about 30 miles north of Anclote Key, 6 p. m.

Tuesday, 5th:

Got under way, 5 a. m.

Off Anclote Light, 9:30 a. m.

Off Clearwater, 11 a. m.

Half way between Clearwater and Tampa: sea very rough and steamer laboring heavily; 10 miles off shore, 1 p. m.

Managed to run in behind fortifications on Mullet Key, and anchored for the night, 3:30 p. m.

Just through supper, 6 p. m.

Got under way and moved further up the bay to avoid heavy swell coming in from outside, 10 p. m.

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Wednesday, 6th:

Rolled heavily all night. Got under way at 6 a. m., and run down inside for ten miles and went outside through Long Boat inlet through the breakers, three of which boarded us, washing the decks fore and aft.

Running nicely, close inshore, about 29 miles south of Egmont Key, making ten miles an hour, wind north and off shore, 9 a. m.

Off Sarasota, 10 a. m.

Off Stump Pass, 1 p. m.

Entered Boca Grande Pass, 3 p. m.

Passed Useppa Island, 4 p. m.

Anchored at Blind Pass, 5:30 p. m.

Just finished supper, 9 p. m.

Thursday, 7th:

Got under way, 5:30 a. m.

Landed at St. James and put out box, 6:50 a. m.

Passed Punta Rassa, 7:30 a. m.

Landed at Fort Myers 9:30 a. m.

Trip ended. "All is well that ends well." Thank God. S. J. JOHNSON.

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EDISON CRAFT BREAKS DOWN.

Sons of the Inventor Stranded in Virginia in Their Yachting Trip.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—A despatch from Heathsville, Northumberland county, to-night says:

Thomas and William Edison, two sons of the great inventor, who recently left Philadelphia for Florida on the electric launch Ouqaniche, entered Coan River last week and spent a few days at Trily, Va. They left Saturday for Reedville, but just as they entered Little River, the engine broke down and they had to come ashore, and walk to Reedville, a distance of four miles. The next morning the yacht was towed to Reedville and Mr. Edison telegraphed to Philadelphia for an engineer.

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Division Passenger Agent J. A. Taylor has just returned from his first trip to the Fort Myers section, with which he has fallen in love. Aside from numbers of arriving tourists, the most prominent feature is the shipment of large quantities of tomatoes, which are in fine condition and bringing $2 per small crate at the docks. Everything in that section is prosperous and hopeful. The Fort Myers hotel is being prepared for the formal opening in a few days.—Tampa Herald.

The ladies of Ft. Myers have organized a whist club, and will be entertained once a week by one of the members of the club, each lady taking her turn in the alphabetical order of her name, Mrs. Mary Blake heading the list, and doing the honors for the club to-day. Once a month the ladies will entertain their gentlemen friends. In the meantime the boys will have to get up stag parties to keep even with the girls. It's a game two can play.

At the recent election of directors of the National Bank of the State of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. [illegible] A. Gardner of Ft. Myers was unanimously elected one of the directors, he being a large stockholder in this well known institution. The new Board of Directors are John N. C. Stockton, John P. Upchurch, A. V. [illegible], Barton G. Dyal, Thos. P. Denham, Wm. H. Baker, Raymond D. Knight, James D. Baker, Miles Albertson.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations at several places in each state during March and April, to secure competent men and women for the government service. [illegible] persons secured positions last year through these examinations. Probably [illegible] appointments [illegible] All appointments [illegible] most positions [illegible] education [illegible] position [illegible] year, with [illegible]

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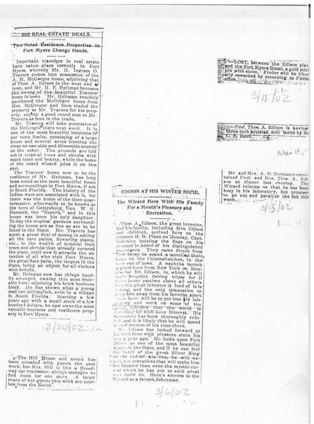

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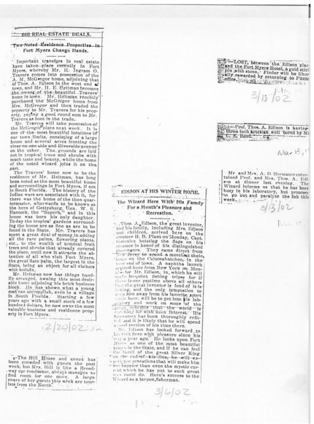

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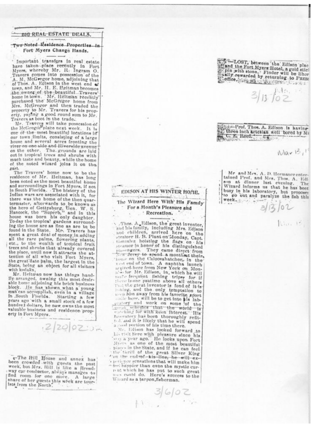

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A recent writer, Mr. James Burnley, in a book, "The Summits of Success," tells by many examples the art of becoming a millionaire. He shows how men have made enormous wealth through varied enterprises—through shipping, through banking, through cotton, through coal, and even through books.

But the most disappointing chapter in his story is that dealing with the making of money through inventions.

We hear much to-day of those men who have accumulated enormous wealth by utilizing the brains of others.

The Carnegies, the Rockefellers, the Liptons and the like all have won their place and have obtained magnificent reward. But when we come to the men who have originated the things which have transformed our modern life, the story is very different.

The Stevensons have never been made belted earls, though there is talk now of making a Rothschild a duke. The Arkwrights, whose invention created the great cotton industry, bore no titles of nobility, but the Pierpont Morgan, who organizes rather than invents, spreads his net over the world.

Jay Gould, we are told, once invented a mouse trap, but he made nothing out of it, and even the trap itself was stolen. Rhodes, it is rumored, when a lad invented an ice-making machine, but it was not until he bought up diamond fields that he became a power among men.

If we go back the same story is repeated in former times. Hargreaves, the inventor of the spinning jenny, had to dispose of his invention to the Strutts, who made the profit.

Koenig, who invented the steam printing press, saw others making their fortunes from his ingenuity. Kaye, who invented the fly-shuttle, was cheated out of his patent royalties.

James Watt nearly failed with the steam engine.

Crompton, who invented the spinning mule, had a still more disappointing time. He was a very poor man, and to earn the money for the materials he required for his experiments, he obtained an engagement as a musician in the theatre at Bolton, receiving thirty-six cents a night. Earning his bread as a mill hand during the day, he had to find odd moments to carry on his greater work.

His fellow laborers were fiercely opposed to any improvements, but Crompton went on and at last perfected a spinning mule which produced a finer and stronger yarn than could be obtained in any other way.

The manufacturers came around Crompton and begged him to let the trade have the use of his invention. Crompton was too poor to patent it, and the manufacturers promised that they would have a large public subscription if he would but tell them the secret of the machine.

He trusted them, made the invention public, and after a long time the subscription was started. It amounted to £60.

One great firm, the head of which was father of a future Prime Minister of England, actually subscribed one guinea to the Crompton fund, after saving hundreds of thousands of dollars because of it.

Crompton's case was so notorious that at last the Parliament of England took up the matter. It was shown that £300,000 a year was being contributed to the British revenue by the mules then in operation.

Mr. Percival, the Prime Minister, was to propose a grant of £20,000 to the inventor, but as he was entering the House of Commons to do so he was shot by an assassin. A few days later Crompton's claim was again brought forward, but the Government then only awarded him £5000. Even this sum Crompton lost in an unlucky business speculation.

Little wonder that some time afterward, when Crompton had nearly completed another invention of great importance to the manufacturers, he smashed it in a fit of anger, declaring that the world would not steal that from him, too.

Inventors of to-day have in many ways a better time than their forefathers. Hiram Maxim, although an American citizen, was knighted by the Queen of England. Mr. Lister, who perfected a wool-combing machine, not only created a great industry by it, but also secured for himself a peerage, and is now Lord Maysham.

But Lord Maysham was not the original discoverer of his wool-combing method. He bought a half share in an invention for £2000, afterward paying £10,000 more for the entire rights. Then he set to improve it.

Edison, for one, has reaped some profit from his discoveries. But Edison, prince of inventors though he is, could not compare with the least of the leaders of New York commerce for wealth. George Westinghouse stands to-day, thanks to his inventive faculty, at the head of great enterprises in England and America, but he is a business man as well as an inventor.

If you want to be wealthy, it is not enough merely to invent—you have to prove your ability commercially to utilize your discovery afterward.

It is the man who can do this who makes the gains, and it is the fool who sells his discovery for a small immediate profit who remains an object of his own self-pity forever afterward.—Fred A. McKenzie, in the New York Journal.

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5/1/1902

Improving the Edison Place.

The new dock recently built by Mr. T. B. Campbell for Prof. Thos. A. Edison, is one of the best jobs of the kind to be found along our river front. The new dock extends out into the river 562 feet beyond the old dock, which is 300 feet in length, making the entire length of the dock 862 feet, carrying it within a few hundred feet of the bulkhead located on the steamboat channel, which at this point is nearly 1,200 feet from shore. The material used in the new dock, is all of a good quality, and the work is proof that Mr. Campbell is a mechanic who understands what he is about. Prof. Edison is having his property greatly improved, and Mr. E. Stulpner is busy planting flowering plants and shrubs, which will do much in adding to the already pretty grounds. There is a large crop of mangos now ripening on the trees, and the Wizard and his family will have plenty of oranges and grapefruit to eat from their own trees when they return next Spring. A new boat house has also been built on the new wharf, for housing the naphtha launch.

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EDISON PERFECTS HIS STORAGE BATTERY.

Puts the Horse Out of Business, He Declares After Severe Tests.

At his laboratory at West Orange, N. J., Thomas A. Edison announced yesterday that his latest invention, the nickel-iron storage battery, which he has been perfecting for more than a year, had fully come up to his expectations, and that severe tests had demonstrated that the automobile and auto-trucking problem had been solved, and that the automobile that would run 100 miles on one change of battery was assured.

Mr. Edison based this statement on the result of two tests made within one week, one on last Friday and the other on Monday.

"We have put the horse out of business," said the Wizard.

"I sent my two men, Bee and Fleiss, out on the road last Friday, and told them to run the machine over a few rough roads and tackle a few bad hills. They ran sixty-two miles up seventy-five hills, the grades of which averaged from 2 to 12 per cent., through some bog holes, and returned with 83 per cent. of the speed they went out with, and the voltage had only dropped [illegible] volts from the original twenty-[illegible]

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"That was pretty good, but I wasn't satisfied," continued Edison. "I told 'em to go out again on Monday, when the roads were heavy from the rain, and I told 'em to run the blamed thing till she stopped, but they did eighty-five miles before that happened."

The machine used in these tests was an ordinary electric runabout fitted with the Edison batteries, twenty-one cells, with a total required weight of [illegible] pounds. The plates are contained in a neat little steel case, about twelve inches high by six by four inches, looking more like a varnish can than anything else. The interior of this steel cell is lined with an insulating material that is not attacked by the solution of potassium hydrate used in the cell. The positive element is made of iron and the negative of nickel.

Mr. Edison was asked if the battery was open to the same objections as the old form of storage battery, the plates of which buckle under a heavy load of short circuit.

"Not on your life!" he replied. "You can't do that battery up! We've been trying to do it right along, but haven't succeeded.

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Work will be started immediately on the manufacture of these new cells at the Edison factory in Glen Ridge, N. J., and more exhaustive tests will be made with wagons for heavy trucking and on launches and small yachts, and next week an endurance test, during which the battery will be worked over five thousand miles of the hardest roads which can be found, will start.
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The first of the tropical storms of the season made itself felt here last Friday and Saturday. The storm center was off the Cuban coast. The storm here started with heavy rains squalls from the southwest gradually shifting to the south and southwest. Down on the coast the sea rolled in from the Gulf and made navigation on the inland waters dangerous. Capt. Fischer found the steamer St. Lucie almost unmanageable in crossing San Carlos Bay to St. James City, and sought shelter from the storm until Saturday at 1 p. m., the barometer on the St. Lucie registered 29.64, meaning heavy weather. The steamers in Tampa Bay were also kept in port for the day. The only steamer that ventured out was the Thos. A. Edison. Capt. Nick Armeda, who knows every inch of our bays and rivers, brought the smart upper Caloosahatchee river steamer through by stratagem, far out of the regular course of steamboats to take advantage of sheltering islands and keys, and getting the steamer through on both stormy days on time.

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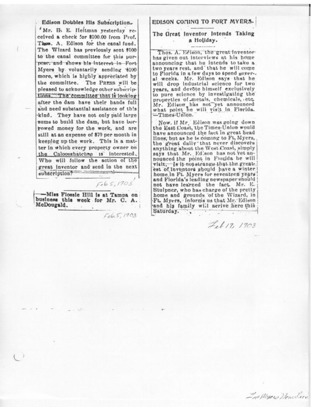

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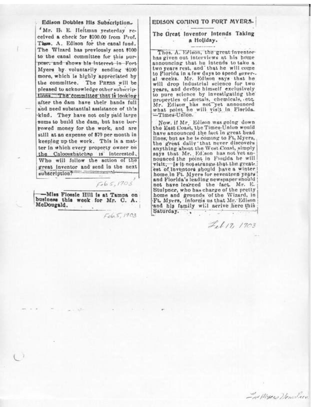

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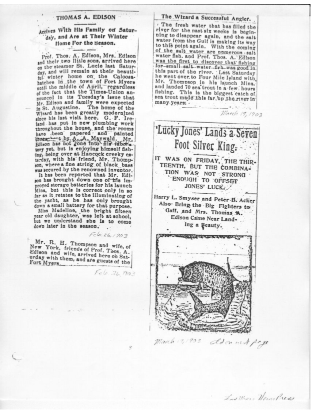

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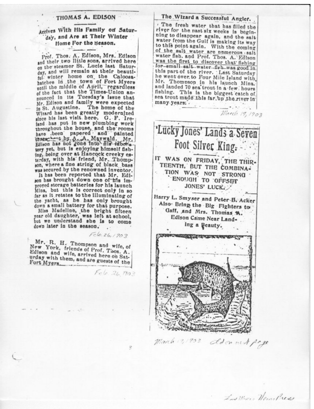

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hermance, who have been among the "Old Guard" at the Fort Myers for four or five years past, left for Useppa on Monday, where they will spend a few days fishing for tarpon, and then go on to Daytona and Sea Breeze, on the East Coast, where they are to meet some friends. They leave here with the regret of many friends.

-Mr. P. A. Acker and daughter have been making daily trips up and down the river during the past week in the steamer Leonora, Capt. L. J. Adams. On last Friday they landed 75 fish at the oyster bars, of which 68 were sea trout. All the fish were caught by casting, at which Miss Acker is as expert as her father, and claimed an equal share of the catch.

Among the guests of the Fort Myers this week are some gentlemen connected with Prof. Thos. A. Edison, in his enterprises. Mr. W. S. Mallory, of East Orange, is vice-president of the Edison Cement Works, Mr. E. Herter of the same place, a draughtsman for the Edison company, and Mr. Wm. Simpkin of New York, who is connected with an English syndicate interested in Mr. Edison's patents.

-Mr. Geo. Cole, of Boston, Mass., who is interested in the Peck lands, upon which it is proposed to locate the depot, and Mr. Fred W. Howard, attorney for the Peck Bros., arrived last night, and will look over the situation here to-day, and come to an agreement with the right-of-way committee in regard to depot site, terminal facilities, etc. The gentlemen are business men, and the matter is certain to be settled to-day, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

-The Fort Myers Athletic Club was organized last evening with Philip Isaacs, president and general manager; Dr. V. H. Voorhis, vice president; J. F. Garner, secretary and treasurer; John Bomar, field captain; N. G. Stout, assistant field captain. The club is organized as a social and athletic organization.

-The Ladies Whist Club had another pleasant entertainment last Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Thorp's, when Mrs. C. Deaderick, of Knoxville, Tenn., entertained the ladies. The tables were placed on the verandas, where ten games of euchre were played. Mrs. I. W. Shaw was the

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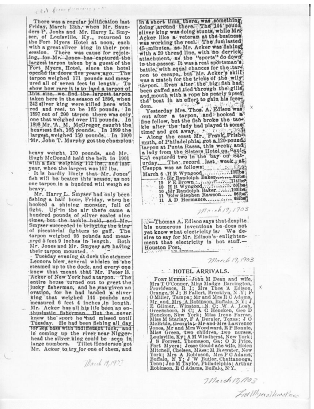

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There was a regular jollification last Friday, March 13th, when Mr. Saunders P. Jones and Mr. Harry L. Smyser, of Louisville, Ky., returned to the Fort Myers Hotel at noon, each with a great silver king in their possession. There was cause for rejoicing, for Mr. Jones has captured the largest tarpon taken by a guest of the Fort Myers Hotel, since the hotel opened its doors five years ago. The tarpon weighed 171 pounds and measured all of seven feet in length. To show how rare it is to land a tarpon of this size, we find the largest tarpon taken here in the season of 1896, when 242 silver king were killed here with rod and reel, to be 165 pounds. In 1897 out of 290 tarpon there was only one that weighed over 171 pounds. In 1898 Mr. A. M. McGregor caught the heaviest fish, 165 pounds. In 1899 the largest weighed 150 pounds. In 1900 Mr. John T. Murphy got the championship heavy weight, 170 pounds, and Mr. Hugh McDonald held the belt in 1901 with a fish weighing 172 lbs., and last year, when the largest was 167 lbs.

It is hardly likely that Mr. Jones' fish will be beaten this season, as not one tarpon in a hundred will weigh so heavy.

Mr. Harry L. Smyser had only been fishing a half hour, Friday, when he hooked a shining monster, full of fight. Up in the air there came a hundred pounds of silver scales nine times, but the tackle held, and Mr. Smyser succeeded in bringing the king of piscatorial fighters to gaff. The tarpon weighed 95 pounds and measured 5 feet 9 inches in length. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Smyser are having their tarpon mounted.

Tuesday evening at dusk the steamer Leonora blew several whisles as she steamed up to the dock, and every one knew that meant that Mr. Peter B. Acker of New York had a tarpon. The entire house turned out to greet the lucky fisherman, and he was given an ovation, for he had landed a silver king that weighed 144 pounds and measured 6 feet 4 inches in length. Mr. Acker has all his life been an enthusiastic fisherman. But he never knew the sport he had missed until Tuesday. He had been fishing all day for sea bass with indifferent luck, and in coming up the river near Niggerhead the silver king could be seen in large numbers. Tillet Henderson got Mr. Acker to try for one of them, and in a short time there was something doing around there. The 144 pound silver king was doing stunts, while Mr. Acker like a veteran at the business was working the reel. The fun lasted 45 minutes, as Mr. Acker was fishing with a 20 thread line, with no derrick attachment, as the "sports" do down in the passes. It was a real sportsman's battle, with equal chances for the tarpon to escape, but Mr. Acker's skill was a match for the tricks of the wily tarpon. Even after the big fish had been gaffed and tied through the gills and mouth with a rope he nearly upset the boat in an effort to gain his freedom.

Yesterday Mrs. Thos. A. Edison was out after a tarpon, and hooked a fine fellow, but the fish broke the tackle after the lady had played it sometime, and got away.

Along the coast Mr. Frank Frishmuth, of Philadelphia, got a 120-pound tarpon at Punta Rassa, this week, and a lady from the Sisters Hotel on Sani[illegible] captured two in the bay on Saturday. The record last week at Useppa was as follows:

March	6	H B Wyngood	105lbs
	7	Sir Randolph Baker	92lbs
	10	F E Brown	114lbs
	10	H B Wyngood	59lbs
	10	Sir Randolph Baker	108lbs
	11	Edw Stephen Rawson	56lbs
	11	A D Hermance	68lbs

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There was a regular jollification last Friday, March 13th, when Mr. Saunders P. Jones and Mr. Harry L. Smyser, of Louisville, Ky., returned to the Fort Myers Hotel at noon, each with a great silver king in their possession. There was cause for rejoicing, for Mr. Jones has captured the largest tarpon taken by a guest of the Fort Myers Hotel, since the hotel opened its doors five years ago. The tarpon weighed 171 pounds and measured all of seven feet in length. To show how rare it is to land a tarpon of this size, we find the largest tarpon taken here in the season of 1896, when 242 silver king were killed here with rod and reel, to be 165 pounds. In 1897 out of 200 tarpon there was only one that weighed over 171 pounds. In 1898 Mr. A. M. McGregor caught the heaviest fish, 165 pounds. In 1899 the largest weighed 150 pounds. In 1900 Mr. John T. Murphy got the champion heavy weight, 170 pounds, and Mr. Hugh McDonald held the belt in 1901 with a fish weighing 172 lbs., and last year, when the largest was 167 lbs.

It is hardly likely that Mr. Jones' fish will be beaten this season, as not one tarpon in a hundred will weigh so heavy.

Mr. Harry L. Smyser had only been fishing a half hour, Friday, when he hooked a shining monster, full of fight. Up in the air there came a hundred pounds of silver scales nine times, but the tackle held, and Mr. Smyser succeeded in bringing the king of piscatorial fighters to gaff. The tarpon weighed 95 pounds and measured 5 feet 9 inches in length. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Smyser are having their tarpon mounted.

Tuesday evening at dusk the steamer Leonora blew several whisles as she steamed up to the dock, and every one knew that meant that Mr. Peter B. Acker of New York had a tarpon. The entire house turned out to greet the lucky fisherman, and he was given an ovation, for he had landed a silver king that weighed 144 pounds and measured 6 feet 4 inches in length. Mr. Acker has all his life been an enthusiastic fisherman. But he never knew the sport he had missed until Tuesday. He had been fishing all day for sea bass with indifferent luck, and in coming up the river near Niggerhead the silver king could be seen in large numbers. Tillet Henderson got Mr. Acker to try for one of them, and in a short time there was something doing around there. The 144 pound silver king was doing stunts, while Mr. Acker like a veteran at the business was working the reel. The fun lasted 45 minutes, as Mr. Acker was fishing with a 20 thread line, with no derrick attachment, as the "sports" do down in the passes. It was a real sportsman's battle, with equal chances for the tarpon to escape, but Mr. Acker's skill was a match for the tricks of the wily tarpon. Even after the big fish had been gaffed and tied through the gills and mouth with a rope he nearly upset the boat in an effort to gain his freedom.

Yesterday Mrs. Thos. A. Edison was out after a tarpon, and hooked a fine fellow, but the fish broke the tackle after the lady had played it some time, and got away.

Along the coast Mr. Frank Frishmuth, of Philadelphia, got a 120-pound tarpon at Punta Rassa, this week, and a lady from the Sisters Hotel on Sanibel captured two in the bay on Saturday. The record last week at Useppa was as follows:

March 6	H B Wyngood	105lbs
7	Sir Randolph Baker	92lbs
10	F E Brown	114lbs
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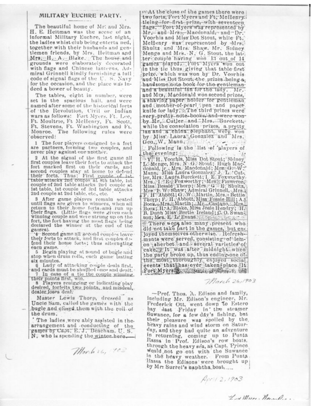

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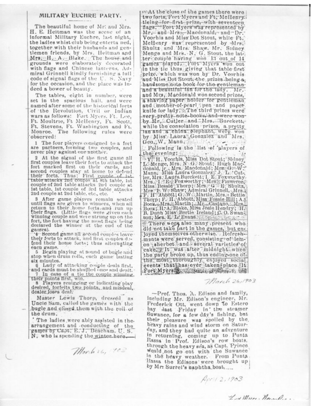

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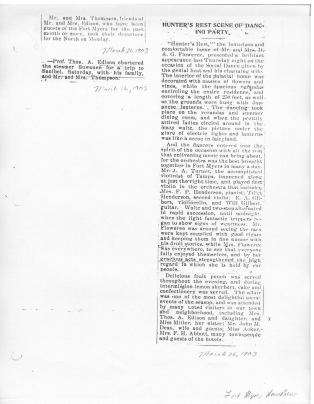

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"Hunter's Rest," the luxurious and comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. G. Floweree, presented a brilliant appearance last Thursday night on the occasion of the Social Dance given by the genial host and his charming wife. The interior of the palatial home was decorated with masses of flowers and vines, while the spacious verandas encircling the entire residence, and covering a length of 250 feet, as well as the grounds were hung with Japanese lanterns. The dancing took place on the verandas and summer dining room, and when the prettily attired ladies circled around in the mazy waltz, the picture under the glare of electric lights and lanterns was like a scene in fairyland.

And the dancers entered into the spirit of the occasion with all the zest that enlivening music can bring about, for the orchestra was the best brought together in Fort Myers in many a day. Mr. J. A. Turner, the accomplished violinist of Tampa, happened along at just the right time, and played first violin in the orchestra that included Mrs. F. P. Henderson, pianist; Tillet Henderson, second violin; E. A. Gilbert, violincello, and Will Gilbert, guitar. Waltz and two-step alternated in rapid succession, until midnight, when the light fantastic trippers began to show signs of weariness. Mr. Floweree was around seeing the men were kept supplied with good cigars and keeping them in fine humor with his droll stories, while Mrs. Floweree was everywhere, to see that everyone fully enjoyed themselves, and by her gracious acts strengthened the high regard in which she is held by our people.

Delicious fruit punch was served throughout the evening, and during intermission lemon sherbert, cake and confectionery was served. The affair was one of the most delightful social events of the season, and was attended by many noted visitors in our town and neighborhood, including Mrs. Thos. A. Edison and daughter; and Miss Miller, her sister; Mr. John M. Dean, wife and guests; Miss Acker, Mrs. F. H. Abbott, many townspeople and guests of the hotels.

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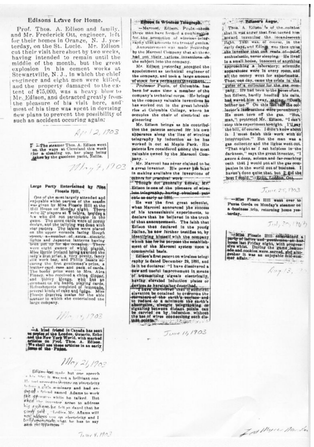

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Mr. Marconi has never claimed to be a great inventor. His power has been in making available the inventions of others for practical work.

Though not generally known, Mr. Edison is one of the pioneers of wireless telegraphy, having obtained patents as early as 1891.

He was the first great scientist, when Marconi announced the success of his transatlantic experiments, to declare that he believed in the truth of that announcement. The faith that Edison then declared in the young Italian, he now further testifies to, by identifying himself with the company which has for its purpose the establishment of the Marconi system upon a commercial basis.

Edison's first patent on wireless telegraphy is dated December 29, 1891, and in it he declares: "I have discovered a new and useful improvement in means of transmitting signals electrically, having elevated induction plates or devices as hereinafter described.

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Edison's Anger.

Thos. A. Edison is of the opinion that it was anger that first turned him toward inventing the incandescent light. That was, of course, in the early days, and Edison was then quite the inventor that one reads of—poor, enthusiastic, never sleeping. He lived in a small house, innocent of anything approaching a laboratory; scientific apparatuses were in every room, and all the money went for experiments. Then, one day, came the crisis in the guise of a collector for the gas company. He had been to the house often, but Edison, hardly heeding his calls, had waved him away, saying, "Don't bother me." On this last call the collector's instructions were peremptory. He must turn off the gas. "But, man," protested Mr. Edison, "I can't stop this experiment to-night. I'll pay the bill, of course. I didn't know about it. I must finish this work with no interruption." But the man was a gas collector and the lights went out. "That night as I sat helpless in the darkness," says the great inventor, "I swore a deep, solemn and far-reaching oath that I would put all the gas companies in the world out of business. I haven't done quite that, but I did the best I could."—Echo, London, Ont.

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July 30, 1903

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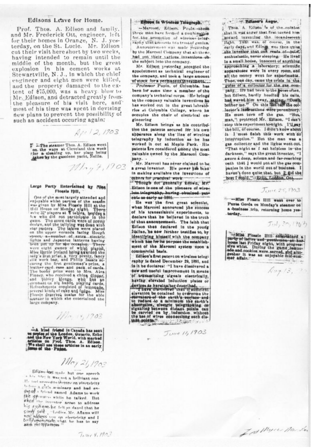

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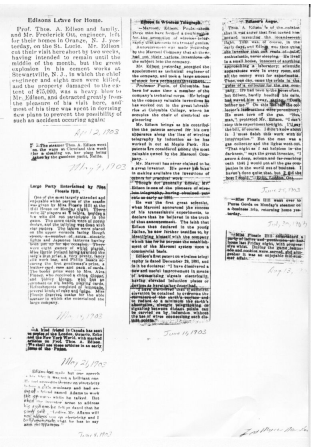

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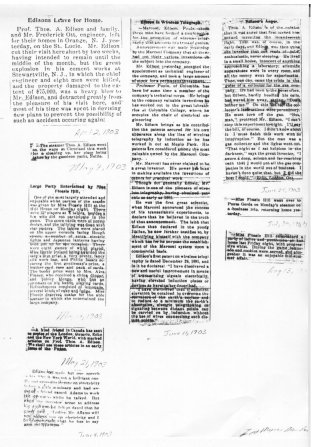

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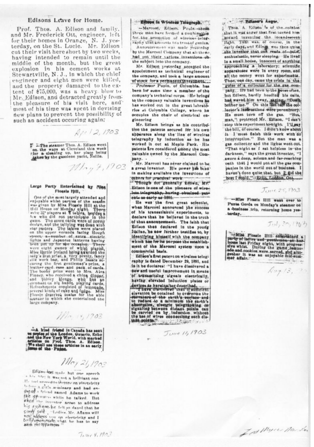

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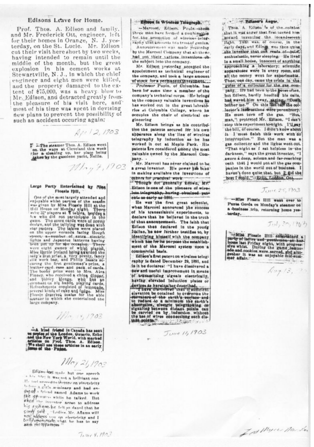

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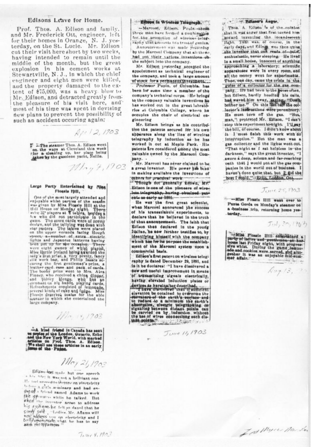

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Edisons Leave for Home.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison and family, and Mr. Frederick Ott, engineer, left for their homes in Orange, N. J. yesterday, on the St. Lucie. Mr. Edison cut their visit here short by two weeks, having intended to remain until the middle of the month, but the great explosion in his cement works at Stewartville, N. J., in which the chief engineer and eight men were killed, and the property damaged to the extent of $75,000, was a heavy blow to Mr. Edison, and detracted greatly from the pleasure of his visit here, and most of his time was spent in devising new plans to prevent the possibility of such an accident occuring again.

Apr 12, 1903

—The steamer Thos. A. Edison went on the ways at Cleveland this week for a cleaning up, her place being taken by the gasolene yacht, Nellie.

May 7, 1903

Large Party Entertained by Miss Flossie Hill,

One of the most largely attended and enjoyable whist parties of the season was given by Miss Flossie Hill at the Hill House on Monday night. There were 32 players at 8 tables, besides a few who did not participate in the game. The score cards were of pretty design, and the tallying was done with star pasters. The tables were placed on the upper veranda facing Hough street, a number of extra electric lights and Japanese lanterns having been put up for the occasion. There were eight games of whist played, Miss Hertie Ireland being awarded the lady's first prize, a very pretty, fancy silk work bag, and Philip Isaacs securing the first gentleman's prize, a leather card case and pack of cards. The booby prize went to Mrs. Alva Finney, who received a china dipper, and Sidney Menge, who has an elephant on his hands, playing cards. Refreshments consisted of lemonade, several kinds of cake and fudge. Miss Flossie deserves praise for the able manner in which she entertained the large company.

May 14, 1903

—A kind friend in Canada has sent us copies of the London, Ontario, Echo and the New York World, with marked articles on Prof. Thos. A. Edison. We shall use these articles in an early issue of the Press.

May 21, 1903

Edison ~~has~~ made but one speech in his life; it was not a brilliant one. He had agreed to lecture on electricity before a girls seminary and had engaged a friend named Adams to work the apparatus while he talked. But when the inventor arose to address his audience he felt so dazed that he simply said, "Ladies, Mr. Adams will now address you on electricity and I will demonstrate what he has to say with the apparatus."

June 4, 1903

Edison in Wireless Telegraph.

—Marconi, Edison, Pupin—these three men have formed a combination for the promotion of wireless telegraphy that amounts to a trust of genius.

Announcement was made yesterday by the Marconi Company that all three had put their various inventions on the subject into the company.

Mr. Edison yesterday accepted the appointment as technical engineer of the company, and took a large amount of stock for a permanent investment.

Professor Pupin, of Columbia, has been for some time a member of the company's technical corps. He brings to the company valuable inventions he has worked out in the great labratories at Columbia College, where he occupies the chair of electrical engineering

Mr. Edison brings as his contribution the patents secured for his own apparatus along the line of wireless telegraphy by induction as he has worked it out at Menlo Park. His patents are considered among the most valuable owned by the Marconi Company.

Mr. Marconi has never claimed to be a great inventor. His power has been in making available the inventions of others for practical work.

Though not generally known, Mr. Edison is one of the pioneers of wireless telegraphy, having obtained patents as early as 1891.

He was the first great scientist, when Marconi announced the success of his transatlantic experiments, to declare that he believed in the truth of that announcement. The faith that Edison then declared in the young Italian, he now further testifies to, by identifying himself with the company which has for its purpose the establishment of the Marconi system upon a commercial basis.

Edison's first patent on wireless telegraphy is dated December 29, 1891, and in it he declares: "I have discovered a new and useful improvement in means of transmitting signals electrically, having elevated induction plates or devices as hereinafter described.

"I have discovered that if sufficient elevation be obtained to overcome the curvature of the earth's surface and to reduce to a minimum the earth's absorption, electric telegraphing or signaling between distant points can be carried on by induction without the use of wires connecting such distant points."

June 11, 1903

Edison's Anger.

Thos. A. Edison is of the opinion that it was anger that first turned him toward inventing the incandescent light. That was, of course, in the early days, and Edison was then quite the inventor that one reads of—poor, enthusiastic, never sleeping. He lived in a small house, innocent of anything approaching a laboratory; scientific apparatuses were in every room, and all the money went for experiments. Then, one day, came the crisis in the guise of a collector for the gas company. He had been to the house often, but Edison, hardly heeding his calls, had waved him away, saying, "Don't bother me." On this last call the collector's instructions were peremptory. He must turn off the gas. "But, man," protested Mr. Edison, "I can't stop this experiment to-night. I'll pay the bill, of course. I didn't know about it. I must finish this work with no interruption." But the man was a gas collector and the lights went out. "That night as I sat helpless in the darkness," says the great inventor, "I swore a deep, solemn and far-reaching oath that I would put all the gas companies in the world out of business. I haven't done quite that, but I did the best I could."—Echo, London, Ont.

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July 30, 1903

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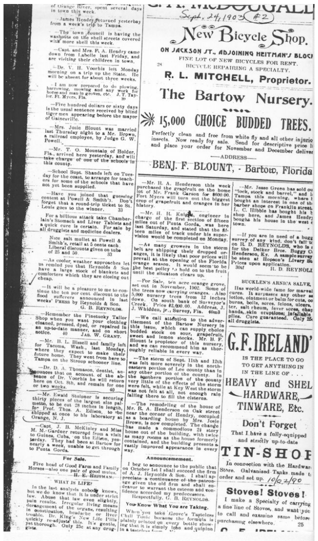
Aug 13, 19

Fort Myers Press



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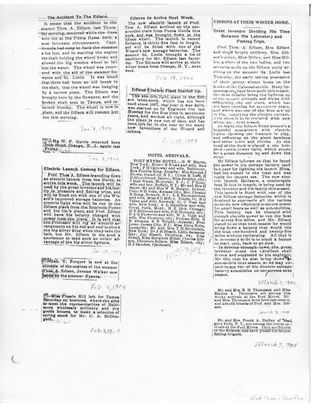

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Jan 7, 1904

—Mr. W. F. Harris returned here from South Orange, N. J. again last Friday.

Jan. 4, 1904

Electric Launch Coming for Edison.

Prof. Thos A. Edison is sending down an electric launch from the North, to arrive this week. The launch will be used by the great inventor and his family in pleasure and fishing trips, and will be fitted out with one of the Wizard's improved storage batteries. An electric light wire will be run to the Edison place from the Seminole Power and Ice Co.'s plant, and Prof. Edison will have his battery charged with power from the plant. It is said that the Professor will rig an electric arrangement on his rod and reel to shock the big silver king when they take the bait, but Mr. Edison is too good a sportsman to take such an unfair advantage of the big silver fighters.

Jan 28, 1904

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Feb. 4, 1904

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The new electric launch of Prof. Thos. A. Edison arrived on the construction train from Punta Gorda this week, and was brought down to the Edison wharf. The launch is named Reliance, is thirty-five feet in length, and will be fitted with one of the Wizard's new storage batteries. The steamer St. Lucie brought a lot of machinery for Mr. Edison last Saturday. The Edisons will arrive at their winter home from Orange, N. Y., next week.

Feb. 18, 1904

Edison Electric Plant Started Up.

The electric light plant in the Edison laboratory, which has not been used since 1887, the year it was built, was started up by Engineer Ott last Monday for the first time in seventeen years, and worked all right, although the plant is now out of date, and has been left far in the rear by the many new inventions of the Wizard and others.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

FORT MYERS HOTEL:—G W Martin, New York; Henry R Broad and wife, New York; F H Calloway and wife, Baltimore, Mrs Florida King, Arcadia; Mrs Samuel J Brown, Stamford, N Y.; Cyrus R Teed, H D Silverfriend, Estero; Miss Beckley, city; J Hall Walsh, Montclair, N J; C P Henn, wife and boy, Buffalo, N Y; Mr and Mrs H Saore, Mr and Mrs W B Berger, Denver, Colo; S H Velie, Kansas City, Mo; Chester R Hoag, Newark, N J; L S Baumgardner and wife, Miss S C Miller, Toledo, O; B O Taber and wife, Norwalk, O; C Vose and wife, New York; A L Hamilton and wife, Great Falls, Mont; H E Dick, Chicago; H E Heitman and wife, G M Heitman, city; D A G Flowerre and wife, W L Velie and wife, Wm Floweree, city; Prolean Ellis, B H Abrams, S B Wright, Atlanta; Fred Lowe, Jersey City, N J; Miss Flora Nolle, Louisville; Mr and Mrs T H Bartindale, New York; Dr J H Bissell, Little Sarasota Bay; Jno Bissell, Pittsburg, Pa; Miss Brand, Miss Margaret Miller, Charles Edison, Theodore Edison, Miss Edison, city; H J Jacobee, Cincinnati.

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EDISONS AT THEIR WINTER HOME.

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At night the Edison home presents a beautiful appearance with electric lights showing the fountain in play, and reflecting on the giant bamboos and other trees and shrubs At the head of the dock is placed a one hundred candle power light, which shows for a great distance up and down the river.

Mr Edison informs us that he found the power in his storage battery used last year for lighting his launch Mina, had not wasted in the least and was ready for instant use. The new electric launch Reliance, a comfortable boat 35 feet in length, is being used by the inventor and his family this season. This launch is fitted with one of the new Edison storage batteries, which is destined to supersede all the various methods now employed to secure power for small boats as well as automobiles. This battery can be charged with enough electric power to run the boat for sevety-five miles, and Mr. Edison stated to us that next season he would bring down a battery that would run the boat one-hundred and twenty-five miles without recharging. All that it is necessary to do is to touch a button to start, stop, back or go slow.

—In driving through town the great inventor noted the excellent shell drives, and suggested to his engineer, Mr. Ott, that he also bring down an automobile next season, so we may expect to see one of his electric storage battery autombiles on our streets next season.

March 3, 1904

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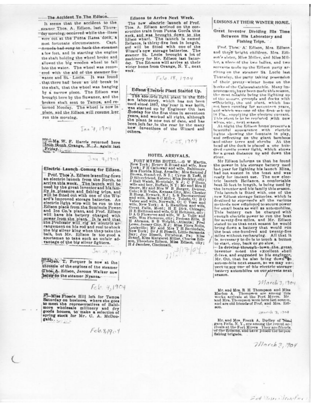

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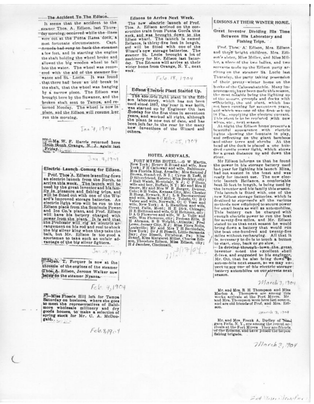

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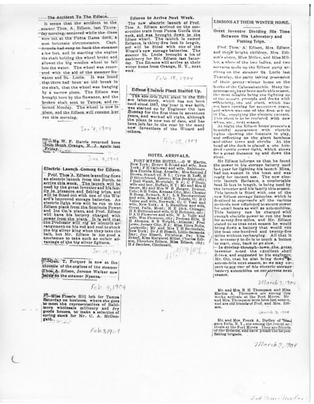

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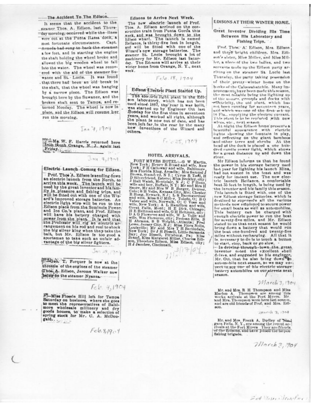

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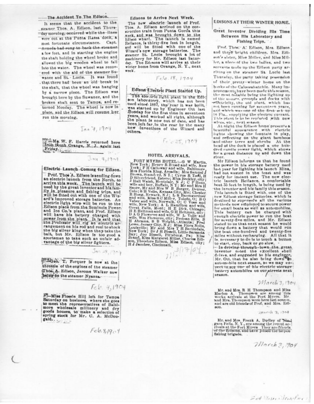

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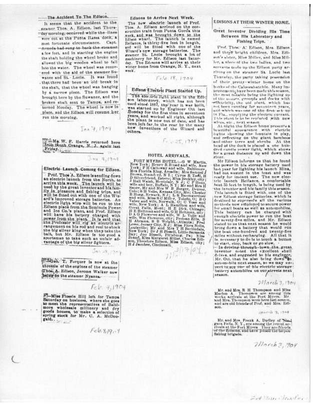

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Property Loss Now Estimated At Two Hundred Millions.

[illegible]RE CHECKED AFTER BURNING TWENTY-EIGHT HOURS, AND RESIDENCE SECTION SAVED.

The worst fire that has ever taken place in this country, judging from the loss of property, occurred in Baltimore, starting on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and burning until Monday afternoon, before the onward rush of the flames were checked, in time to save the residence portion of the city. The district destroyed by the flames comprises the principal business portion of the city, including some of the finest buildings in the country. Seventy-five city blocks were burned over, embracing 2,500 business houses. The loss is estimated at from $150,000,000 to $200,000,000. Assistance was rendered by New York, Philadelphia, Washington and other fire departments. Modern buildings, many from ten to fifteen stories in height, stood in the district destroyed, and the accounts of the fire [illegible] that these vast buildings of steel and stone went down like tinder boxes. A strong wind was blowing, and only heroic measures prevented the fire from crossing the narrow river known as Jones Falls to East Baltimore.

An Ideal Winter Home.

Visitors to Florida have all kinds of ways to enjoy their winter's stay, but we doubt if any more solid comfort and enjoyment is secured by any of the thousands who visit the State than Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Dean of Providence, R. I., find in their comfortable home a few miles down the river. They find plenty to do to occupy their minds and hands, Mr. Dean's pleasure being in working among the orange trees of his sixty acre grove, which is coming along nicely, and gives promise in a year or two of not only affording pastime for Mr. Dean, but in repaying him for his outlay. Mr. Dean and Mrs. Dean have with them this winter Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Kansas City, Mo., (the latter being a sister of Mrs. Dean) and Miss [illegible]ce Barriger a niece of the two ladies, all of whom are enjoying their visit immensely. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoyer, Capt. H. Fisher and Philip Isaacs were the guests of the Deans, and greatly enjoyed their hospitality. Mr. Dean is a practical and progressive business man, owning one of the [illegible]

GET OFF THE TRACK!

Construction Train in Fort Myers.

TRACK LAID NEATLY TO INTERSECTION OF ANDERSON AND EVANS AVENUES AT NOON TO-DAY.

Track Layers Will Reach the Peck Property by This Evening.

Fort Myers is happy! That which its citizens have been hoping for for lo, these many years, has at last been realized. Old settlers stood and watched the track-layers at work yesterday, and the engine back with its cars of rails and ties, and could scarcely make themselves believe it was not all a dream.

It was just 3 o'clock when the track was laid to Billie's creek, and the iron was hurriedly spiked in place on the bridge, and the first car of the construction train passed into the town limits at 3:15 p. m. In an hour the track had been laid through Jack Taylor's grove, and by night the Kinze property had been reached.

This morning the crew were at work again, and at noon the track and train were within a quarter of a mile of the intersection of Evans and Anderson avenues, at which corner the line curves, and comes down to Monroe street, parallel with Anderson avenue. The track layers will reach the Peck property by night, and should reach the heart of town on Monroe street by to-morrow night, at which time it is proposed to drape the engine with the stars and stripes. Conductor Hugh A. Simmons has the honor of running the first train into Fort Myers,. and M. E. Moye is at the throttle of the locomotive. Capt. Kilpatrick is chief foreman of the construction gang. It is likely that there will be an impromtu celebration when the train reaches Monroe street.

A Sunday Fire.

Fort Myers is rapidly putting on city

GALA DAY ON WA
BIRTHDAY.

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Motor Boats on the Gu
Invited to Participate
For Valuable Pri

Committees are now at
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Berry, Dr. V. H. Voorh
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The other prizes will be
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There will be music
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Prof. Bowman at Phoen

The performances given
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N ST., ADJOINING HEITMAN'S BLOCK.
LOT OF NEW BICYCLES FOR RENT.
YCLE REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

—Senator Mark Hanna died last Monday morning at Washington.

M[illegible] this morning on a visit to his grove at Citra.

—Mrs. M. H. Bailey of Sanibel; has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Garvey, this week.

—Mr. Chas. E. Reed arrived from Bartow last evening, and is now ready to contract for making artesian wells.

—Mr. M. Bedell and wife, who come here every winter, arrived from New Baltimore, N. Y., last evening on the Edison, and are at the Inn.

—Rev. A. E. Householder will preach in O'Neill's Memorial Methodist Church next Sunday morning and evening. The pastor will go to Naples to hold quarterly conference in his stead.

—Mrs. Archabald Thompson, of Daytona, Fla., State manager of the Florida department Security Mutual Life Insurance Co., is here in the interest of that company.

—Mr. James Palmer of Farmingdale, L. I., arrived this week, and is looking around for investment. Mr. Palmer was here several years ago, and made several real estate trades.

—Gen. John B. Gordon's own book, memorial edition. Agents wanted in every city and county. 100,000 copies will be sold. Agents should apply quickly for territory.
The Martin & Hoyt Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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Orange Shipments.

Shipments for the past two weeks have been 2933 boxes by freight and 2156 boxes by express, bringing the the total to date for the season, with the [illegible] previously reported to 64,953 boxes. For the same date last season the shipments amounted to 60,000 boxes, in fact the shipments for this season have already passed last year's total crop. The price of grape fruit and oranges has an upward tendency, and those who still have fruit to ship will realize good prices for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Receiving from patrons and others, expressions of confidence, I make the required formal statement that I am a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for Lee County, with the hope of helping during the next term to get a first-class school for each community.

Jos. F. Shands.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate at the coming Democratic primaries, for the office of Tax Assessor for Lee County, feeling that I can fill the office to the satisfaction of the tax-payers, whom it will be my pleasure and duty to serve if I am elected.

F. Pope Henderson.

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Jas. G. Hickey.

For Sale.

A fine double barrel Laclede gun. No. 12 gauge. Cost $25. Will take $15, if sold this week. Apply at Press office.

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AN ELEGANT YACHT.

New Power Yacht Ruffhouse Arrived This Week from Baltimore, and Is an Ideal Boat for Florida Waters.

The seeker after society will find the East Coast will afford him all the opportunity he desires to get into the swim, but he who is seeking pleasure and sport will come to the Gulf Coast, where the hundreds of miles of inland bays and rivers afford the finest sport and pleasure for yachting parties. This is gradually dawning upon many who visit Florida each year, for each recurring season finds new yachts added to the pleasure craft along our coast, bays and rivers. From the Ten Thousand Island to Boca Grande, to say nothing of the cruising waters above the latter place, are innumerable bays and passes, while the Caloosahatchee river is navigable for the largest of the yachts that have appeared this season, at least as far as Ft. Denaud

Not only have many new yachts appeared in these waters this season, but they are larger and finer in every way. The Harris yacht Ace I, is well adapted for a pleasure boat, then came the Aroostook,' Mr Chas. A. Dean's new steam yacht, with every comfort. The new electric launch of Thos A. Edison, which is complete in its way, and now comes a new yacht that is the acme of a pleasure boat for these waters.

The new vessel is the Ruffhouse, owned by Mr. A R Whitney, a well known New Yorker. Mr. Whitney has been coming here for a number of years with his family, and had a pretty good idea as to the kind of craft that would be suitable for these waters. The Ruffhouse is anything but rough. Her name implies a good time, and was given to her by Mr. Whitney's sons, who are college graduates, for in the language of the college boy, "Ruffhouse" means having a good time.

Mr. Whitney has in past seasons chartered the steamer Sawanee, and found in Capt. Prince, the man who suited him on a pleasure craft. Therefore Capt. Prince was given command of the new boat, and supervised the building of the vessel at the yards of the Nelson Yacht Building Company, Baltimore.

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Mrs. James E. Hendry Drives the Last Spike, And the Construction Force Is Given a Treat.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for Ft Myers. It saw the last rail laid that completed the extension of the Atlantic Coast Line system from Punta Gorda into Ft. Myers, a work that has been in progress for eighteen months past.

At 10 a. m. last Saturday morning the construction train and force resumed work on Monroe and Second streets, and soon crowds began to gather to see the completio of the road at the rivers edge on Monroe street, where the railroad dock is being built. The large town flag was secured, and engine No. 499 was craped in the national colors. Then the young ladies hustled about and secured bunches of flowers, and soon had the headlight, flag standards, pilot, etc. of the engine bedecked with flowers. Mrs. Frierson and Mrs. Jas. E. Hendry sent an immense and beautiful bouquet to Mr. Long, and the other railroad men, which was placed at the end of the grade.

Our people practically took control of the train as the work gradually neared completion. Mrs. J. E. Foxworthy and the Misses Dot Stout and Bessie Thorp held up the engineer, M. E. Moye, took charge of the bell rope and whistle cord, and kept bell and whistle going. Col. E. L. Evans was on the ground and fired a salute with his cannon. Shortly after 11 a. m the last rail slid from the flat car and was thrown into place by the men. Then as the last spike was ready to drive home Mrs Jas. E. Hendry was escorted to the track, given the sledge hammer, and drove home the last spike that held the rails connecting Ft. Myers with the great railway system of the Atlantic Coast Line and the entire country.

Then the crowd cheered, cannon boomed, whistles blew and bells rang. Mrs. T. J. Evans, who is ever thoughtful on such occasions and ready to make any sacrifice for our town, had prepared a treat for the railroad men consisting of sandwiches, sausages, cookies, home made candies, etc. while a box of 500 oranges, cigars and cheroots were furnished by the business men.

Messrs. Long and Polk practically turned over the train to our people, and all hands clambered on engine, tender and flat cars and were given the first ride over the new road through Ft. Myers and out to the county road crossing two miles east of the court house. Many on the train had never before ridden on a railroad, so the affair proved a proud and joyful time for all.

FORT MYERS HOTEL NOTES.

Dr. N. J. Pettijohn of Kansas City, a regular winter visitor, is at the Fort Myers.

Messrs. Fred E. and H. W. Perkins are still enjoying the bird shooting, and bring in fine bags of quail daily.

The Messrs. Smyser were delighted this week to welcome their parents

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Miss Ruby Reynolds Led to the Altar This Morning By Mr. Frank Hibble.

The wedding of Mr. Frank D. Hibble and Miss Ruby Reynolds, which was solemnized in O'Neill Memorial M. E. Church promptly at 8 o'clock this morning, was beautiful in every respect. The sun shone brightly and reflected the happiness that pervaded the ceremonies. Before the hour for the service arrived the church had rapidly filled with invited guests who were ushered to their seats by Messrs. Swanson, Voorhis and Isaacs. The interior of the church was beautifully yet simply decorated. Immense bouquets stood on pulpit and organs, while the chancel rail was hid in an artistic arrangement of fresh orange blossoms, ferns, hibiscus, and a profusion of roses, the effect being fine, the flowers contrasting beautifully with the surroundings. The first seats were reserved for the families of bride and groom, and a large party of boys and girls for whom the bride had acted as teacher.

Promptly at eight o'clock Mrs. Evans played the wedding march, and the bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Guy B. Reynolds. At the same time the groom entered from the side door, with his brother L. C. Hibble acting as best man, the groom meeting the bride at the altar where they faced the pastor Rev S. W. Lawler, who performed the ceremony of the Methodist Church.

From the church the bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's mother, where a delicious wedding breakfast was served. At 9:30 the happy couple boarded the ferry boat amid showers of rice and well wishes of the party gathered there, and left for Tampa, where they will make their home.

Miss Reynolds made a pretty bride and was attired in a gown of white silk chiffon, over silk, with lace medallions. In her hand she carried an exquisite shower bouquet of bride's roses, and real orange blossoms were arranged in her hair. The bride is a Kentucky girl, and in the four years she has resided in Ft. Myers has made a host of friends. Her's has been a life of usefulness, and wherever a sympathizing or helpful friend was needed there she was always found, and she will be missed in church, Sunday School and many other places, where she could be of service. The groom is an excellent machinist and is employed at this business in Tampa.

Friends from one end of the county to the other wish the happy couple prosperity, and a life as full of sunshine as was their wedding day. The high esteem in which the bride was held is shown in the numerous and costly presents received, as will be seen by the following:

G B Reynolds, set knives and forks and check $[illegible]; Mrs Nannie Reynolds, set table and tea spoons; Mrs Henry Cowart, Tampa, bed-room slippers and pin cushion; Mr and Mrs Jas [illegible]osky, linen table cloth; Mr and Mrs W L Hopson, souvenir spoon of Fort Myers; Mrs O L Johnson, cake plates; Carl Woodfolk, Earlington, Ky, souvenir spoon of Kentucky; Mr and Mrs L B Woodfolk, Madisonville, Ky, souvenir spoon of Madisonville; Miss Norman Atlanta, oil painting; Mr Chambliss and Mr Polk, cook stove and utensils complete; Miss Flossie Hill, fruit bowl, silver stand; Mrs G M Ormsby, Buck Key, hemstitched table cover; Idawill Ormsby, sofa pillow; Louise Ormsby, hemstitched handkerchief; Newton Hartsfield, chocolate set; Capt and Mrs W D Collier, Marco, set silver spoons, Miss Nina Reynolds, $[illegible]; Ernest Hopson silver olive fork; Capt and

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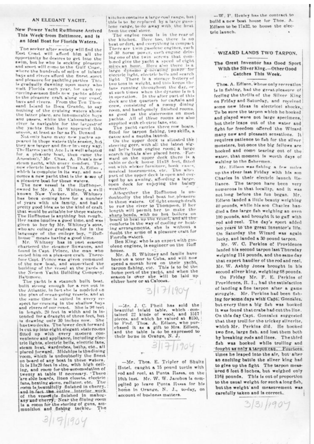

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—Mr. Thos. E. Tripler of Shultz Hotel, caught a 75 pound turtle with rod and reel, at Punta Rassa, on the 16th inst. Mr. W. W. Jacobus is compelled to leave Punta Rassa for his home in Orange, N. J., to-day, on account of business matters.

—W. P. Henley has the contract to build a new boat house for Thos. A. Edison to be 17x32, to house the electric launch.

WIZARD LANDS TWO TARPON.

The Great Inventor has Good Sport With the Silver King.—Other Good Catches This Week.

Thos. A. Edison, whose only recreation is in fishing, had the great pleasure of feeling the thrills of the Silver King on Friday and Saturday, and received some new ideas in electricel shocks. To be sure the tarpon which he hooked and played were not large specimens, but their leaps out of the water and fight for freedom offered the Wizard many new and pleasant sensations. It requires patience to fish for the silver monsters, but once the big fellows are hooked and come tearing out of the water, that moment is worth days of waiting to the fishermen.

Mr. Edison was fishing a few miles up the river last Friday with his son Charles in their electric launch Reliance. The tarpon have been very numerous in that locality, and it was not long before the fun began. Mr. Edison landed a little beauty weighing 40 pounds, while his son Charles handled a fine large fish weighing an even 100 pounds, and brought it to gaff with rod and reel. The day's sport added ten years to the great inventor's life. On Saturday the Wizard was again lucky, and landed a 30 pound tarpon.

Mr. W. C. Perkins of Providence landed his second tarpon last Thursday weighing 114 pounds, and the same day that expert handler of the rod and reel, Mr. W. Ashby Jones brought in his second silver king, weighing 68 pounds.

On Friday Mr. F. E. Perkins of Providence, R. I., had the satisfaction of landing a fine tarpon after a game struggle. Mr. Perkins had been fishing for some days with Capt. Gonzalez, but every time a big fish was hooked it was found that crabs had cut the line. On this day Capt. Gonzalez suggested that they troll for the trickey silverite, which Mr. Perkins did. He hooked two fine, large fish, and lost them both by breaking rods and lines. The third fish was hooked while trolling and fought as only a tarpon can. Fourteen times he leaped into the air, but after an exciting battle the silver king had to give up the fight. The tarpon measured 6 feet 8 inches, but weighed only 116¼ pounds. This is out of proportion to the usual weight for such a long fish, but the weight and measurement was carefully taken and is correct.

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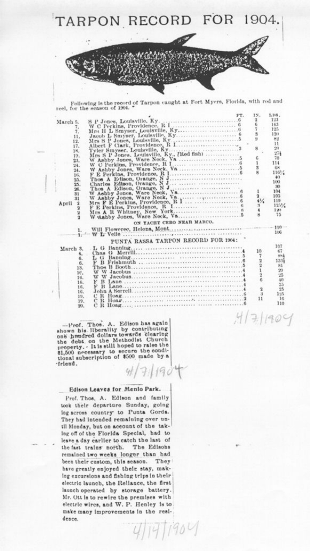

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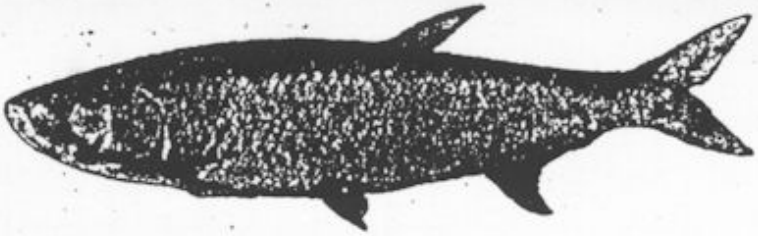

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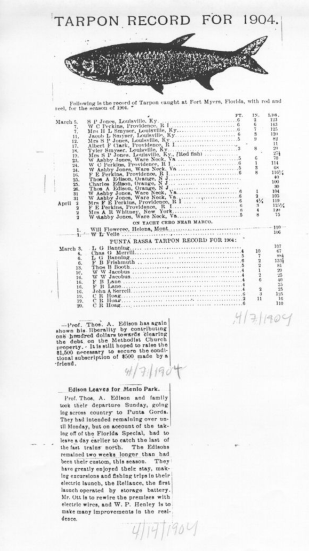

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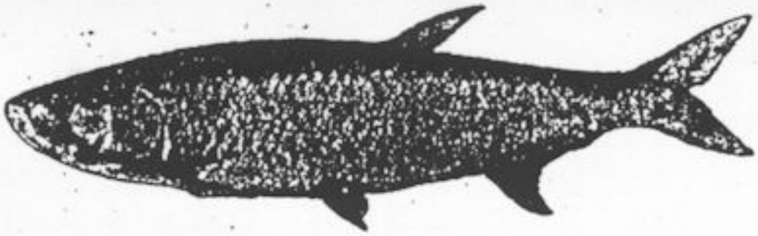

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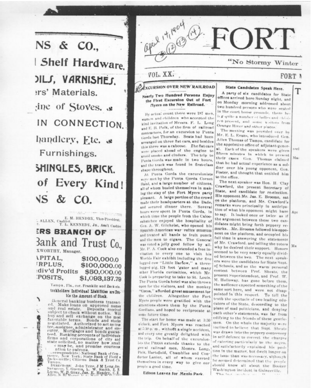

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Nearly Two Hundred Persons Enjoy the First Excursion Out of Fort Myers on the New Railroad.

By actual count there were 187 men, women and children who accepted the kind invitation of Messrs. F. L. Long and E. B. Polk, of the firm of railroad contractors, for an excursion to Punta Gorda last Thursday. Seats had been arranged on three flat cars, and besides this there was a caboose. The flat cars were placed ahead of the engine to avoid smoke and cinders. The trip to Punta Gorda was made in two hours, and the track was found in first-class shape throughout.

At Punta Gorda the excursionists were met by the Punta Gorda Cornet Band, and a large number of citizens, all of whom busied themselves in making the stay of the Fort Myers party pleasant. A large portion of the crowd made their headquarters at the Dade, and secured dinner there. Several hours were spent in Punta Gorda, in which time the people from the Caloosahatchee enjoyed the hospitality of Gen. A. W. Gilchrist, who opened his Spanish-American war relics museum and treated all hands to fruit punch and the men to cigars. The General was voted a jolly good fellow by all. Mr. P. A. Cook also extended a free invitation to every one to visit his Worlds Fair exhibit including the five legged cow "Little Barlow," a three-legged pig, 12½ foot 'gator and many other Florida curiosities, which Mr. Cook is preparing to take to St. Louis. The Punta Gorda hotel was also thrown open for the visitors, and the monkey "Cocus," afforded great amusement for the children. Altogether the Fort Myers people were gratified with the attentions shown them by the Punta Gordians, and hoped to reciprocate at some future time.

The start for home was made at 3:30 o'clock, and Fort Myers was reached at 5:30 p. m., without a single accident, and every one greatly delighted with the trip. On behalf of the excursionists the PRESS extends thanks to the genial railroad men, Messrs. Long, Polk, Hartsfield, Chambliss and Conductor Lanier, all of whom exerted themselves in every way to give our people a good time.

Edison Leaves for Menlo Park.

State Candidates Speak Here.

A party of six candidates for State offices arrived here Sunday night, and on Monday morning addressed about two hundred persons who were seated in the court house grounds, there being quite a number of ladies and children present, and some visitors from Orange River and other places.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. L. Evans, who introduced Gen. Allen Thomas of Tampa, candidate for the appointive office of adjutant-general. Each of the speakers were given fifteen minutes in which to present their cases. Gen. Thomas claimed that he had actual experience as a soldier over his young opponent, Gen. Foster, and thought that entitled him to the office.

The next speaker was Hon. H. Clay Crawford, the present Secretary of State, and candidate for re-election. His opponent Mr. Jas. E. Broome, sat on the platform, and Mr. Crawford's remarks were principally in anticipation of what his opponent might have to say. It looked once or twice as if the argument between these two candidates might bring forth peppery remarks. Mr. Broome followed his opponent on the platform, and occupied his full time in answering the statements of Mr. Crawford, and telling the voters why he desired their support. Honors seemed to be very nearly equally divided between the two. The next speakers were the candidates for State Supt. of Schools, and as the warm personal contest between Prof. Sheats, the present Superintendent, and Prof. W. M. Holloway, has gone before them, the audience expected something of the same sort here, and were not disappointed in this respect. To tell the truth the spectacle of two leading educators of the State, descending to the plane of mad politicians, and denying each other's statements, was far from edifying to the friends of these gentlemen. On the whole the majority were inclined to believe that Supt. Sheats was drawn into the peppery controversy in self defence to correct the charges of catering particularly to the negro, and satisfactorily explained his position in the matter, but dwelt longer on the issue than was necessary, although he seemed determined that the people should know all about the Booker Washington incident in Gainesville.

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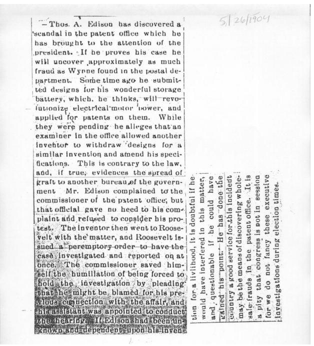

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—Thos. A. Edison has discovered a scandal in the patent office which he has brought to the attention of the president. If he proves his case he will uncover approximately as much fraud as Wynne found in the postal department. Some time ago he submitted designs for his wonderful storage battery, which, he thinks, will revolutionize electrical motor power, and applied for patents on them. While they were pending he alleges that an examiner in the office allowed another inventor to withdraw designs for a similar invention and amend his specifications. This is contrary to the law, and, if true, evidences the spread of graft to another bureau of the government Mr. Edison complained to the commissioner of the patent office, but that official gave no heed to his complaint and refused to consider his protest. The inventor then went to Roosevelt with the matter, and Roosevelt issued a peremptory order to have the case investigated and reported on at once. The commissioner saved himself the humiliation of being forced to hold the investigation by pleading that he might be blamed for his previous connection with the affair, and his assistant was appointed to conduct the hearing. If Edison had been unknown and dependent upon his invention for a livlihood, it is doubtful if he would have interfered in this matter, and questionable if he could have gained his point. He has done the country a good service for this incident may be the means of discovering wholesale frauds in the patent office. It is a pity that congress is not in session for we do not fancy these executive investigations during election times.

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—Thos. A. Edison has discovered a scandal in the patent office which he has brought to the attention of the president. If he proves his case he will uncover approximately as much fraud as Wynne found in the postal department. Some time ago he submitted designs for his wonderful storage battery, which, he thinks, will revolutionize electrical motor power, and applied for patents on them. While they were pending he alleges that an examiner in the office allowed another inventor to withdraw designs for a similar invention and amend his specifications. This is contrary to the law, and, if true, evidences the spread of graft to another bureau of the government. Mr. Edison complained to the commissioner of the patent office, but that official gave no heed to his complaint and refused to consider his protest. The inventor then went to Roosevelt with the matter, and Roosevelt issued a peremptory order to have the case investigated and reported on at once. The commissioner saved himself the humiliation of being forced to hold the investigation by pleading that he might be blamed for his previous connection with the affair, and his assistant was appointed to conduct the hearing. If Edison had been unknown and dependent upon his invention for a livlihood, it is doubtful if he would have interfered in this matter, and questionable if he could have gained his point. He has done the country a good service for this incident may be the means of discovering wholesale frauds in the patent office. It is a pity that congress is not in session for we do not fancy these executive investigations during election times.

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RAIN NO 40 ARRIVES 11 P M
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Mr. J. E. Bascom of Immokalee in town last Friday.

Capt. J. B. McKinley was in town n Alva last Saturday.

Mr. C. H. Murray and family of and in town last Saturday.

County Commissioner Lee of New spect was in town last Saturday.

Capt. John Smith, the old veteran St. James City, was in town on sday.

Mr. Hardy English of Alva start- n Tuesday as purser on the steamer s. A. Edison.

Mr. H. E. Heitman went to Tampa business trip, Monday, returning sday night.

Mr. W. T. Gammon of Alva was own attending to business matters Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Alderman rned from Tallahassee and Jack- ille last Friday afternoon.

The schooner Alexander Cook ar- d from Tampa, Tuesday, with a o of grain and groceries.

Mr. J. J. Earl, who has spent the er here pleasantly, left for his e in West Union, Iowa, to-day.

Geo. R. Shultz, Commissioner Wil- and Mr. Surrell came up from a Rassa on Monday, in the latter's iary yacht.

Mrs. Taylor Frierson of Fort My- ame Monday, and is visiting Dr. Mrs. F. M. Wilson.—Courier-In- ant.

Mr. Chas. R. Wade returned from to Arcadia last Friday, where s summoned as a witness before is Cou

on't fo that the County Tax will postively close next Mon- April 3rd., after which date costs ttach.

here was a surpise party given riday night by the young people s Marion Peelman, at which a njoyable time was had.

ANTED: A position on a grove, an with small family, well ex- ced. For further information at this office. 10tf

eriff A. C. Freeman of DeSoto was in town for a few hours turday, coming after a prisoner he took back to Arcadia.

. Geo. W. Storter, the well merchant of Everglade, stopped esterday, on his return from a 's trip to Tampa.

s J. E. Foxworthy and daugh- t yesterday on a visit to rela- and friends at Bartow, Kissim- Tampa and other towns.

. W. L. Velie and family, have been guests of Mr. and D. A. G. Floweree for a cou- months past, left for the North nday.

. Hy Crutcher, special Flori- ent for the Virginia-Carolina cal Co., was here Monday, in terest of that great fertilizer y.

ssrs J. K. Woolslair and D. B. f Orange River, were in town y. They report that fine rains that e last Thursday and

NCREDIBLE BRUTALITY.

uld have been incredible bru- if Chas. F. Lemburger, of e, N. Y., had not done the could for his suffering son. y," he says, "got a fearful gash e eye, so I applied Bucklen's Salve, which quickly healed it ed his eye." Good for burns ets too. Only 25c at all drug

house.

Mrs. Josie Knight and baby, who have been visiting at Mayor Hendry's for a month past, left for her home in Columbia, S. C., on Monday accompanied by her sister, Ruby.

—The shell road running east from Billies creek bridge has been put in good order by the county commissioners, a covering of shell having been spread along the road.

—Mr. H. A. Blake has purchased from the A. C. L. Co. the F. H. Stout residence, and will have the building removed to his lot on Riverside avenue, as soon as arrangements can be made.

—Capt. H. Fischer is back in the steamboat business again, being master of the steamer Bugantine, plying between Charleston and Young's Island and others of the Sea islands, upon which islands are located extensive truck farms.

Miss Nannie Nutt was up from Sanibel, Tuesday, to meet a friend, Mrs. E. A. Greene of Zanesville, O., who arrived that day and went down to Sanibel yesterday. Mrs. Greene visited here eleven years ago.

—The Rollins Normal at Winter Park, April 4–June 1, promises to be an enjoyable, profitable, and inexpensive term of eight weeks of study under a fine faculty. Many who expect to take the June examination for State Teachers' Certificate will enter.

—Dr. N. H. Hunter, of Kissimmee, who is to open a new drug store in the room next to the corner in the new Bradford Hotel block, is this week arranging show cases, counters, etc., preparatory to opening up goods. It will be a first-class pharmacy when everything is in place.

—Mr. W. W. Hendry is here from Tampa for a few days this week, looking up insurance business, and taking the opportunity to visit relatives. Wallie has made a great success in the insurance business, and is a member of one of the most prosperous firms in Tampa.

—Plant Sloan, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sloan, met with quite a serious accident last Thursday. He was riding a tricycle and ran off the porch backward, breaking his left fore-arm. Dr. Matheson set the arm and the young man is getting along very well.

—U. S. Marshal John F. Horr was in town, Monday, on his return from a visit to his pineapple plantation on Horr's Island, at Caxambas. The Captain has about one hundred acres in pineapples on this island, also a grove of orange trees. He says the plants were not injured by the cold, that there will be a good crop of pines at Caxambas, although the drouth is making itself felt there as it has in other parts of Lee County.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several days with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says, "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to move hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale by B. P. Matheson and all druggists.

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R. A. Henderson, Agent

Capt. W. F. Powell has purchased a twenty acre tract from Mr. J. C. Carter, east of the property recently purchased by Travers & Hendry.

A first-class, drop head sewing machine was shipped to us to be given to one of our customers. Please come and see if it is yours as we need the room. Winkler's Drug Store.

Dr. Hartman is having the two story McDougald residence moved on the side street running south from O'Neill M. E. Church, to make room for the new buildings to be erected on the corner.

—Anyone failing to make a correct return of their property will be assessed as unknown. There will also be no property assessed where the description is incorrect.

F. JOHN HART, Tax Assessor.

Flowers here in sringtime
Just turn themselves loose,
They all want to make rhyme
With Winkler's Grape Juice.
Tarpon all a-jumpin'
And sporting in the stream,
The people all a-humpin'
To get some of Winkler's Cream.

—Travers & Hendry have this week sold to Col. Wm. Caswell 30 acres of the Cranford track, a few miles east of town, and a ten acre lot of the same to Mr. J. J. Blount. Both gentlemen will plant the land in orange groves, the soil being of excellent quality for this purpose.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kells, accompanied by their two daughters, Mrs. Hice and Miss Buela Kells, Mrs. Hice's daughter and Miss Sue Bliss of Beaver, Pa., who have been stopping with them on Orange River, took their departure for Citra, Tuesday, for a few weeks stay before returning North.

—The special railroad edition of the PRESS, printed in the fall of 1903, is now exhausted, and no more copies can be furnished. This edition has accomplished more in making known the resources of Lee County than any other advertising matter ever issued, and has been the means of bringing many people into Lee County. It has paid the county ten times over for the expenditure made. As there is a great demand for printed matter of this kind about our county, the PRESS expects to get out a new and larger special edition during the present year.

—The Biograph or moving picture show which has been given each night this week, is the best of the kind that has ever been seen in Fort Myers. The bank and express train robberies are very interesting. Part of the proceeds goes to the Fort Myers Brass Band, and for this reason, together with the fact that the pictures are well worth seeing, should be well patronized. The entertainment will be given in the tent near the postoffice, each night this week at 8 o'clock, for which the admission has been reduced to 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

—Under Principal C. H. Abbott—G honor graduate of the Boston Normal and Training School—the Rollins Normal has achieved success in previous years if examination records are a criterion. Ralph C. Benedict (Yale University and Bridgewater, Mass., Normal School) is the instructor in algebra. President Blackmam (professor of sociology in Yale 1894–1902) will teach civil government. The College term charge is $15.00 for the eight weeks. Tuition is $8.00 for the eight weeks and students not finding accommodations on the campus may board in Winter Park families at $3.00 per week and upwards.

CURED CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan. writes my husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has

\$1.00 a week, and each week a drawing takes place and the lucky one gets a suit of clothes. Call on Gus and get in the club.

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We desire through the columns of your paper to extend our heart-felt thanks to all of our friends who so kindly and lovingly assisted us in caring for our beloved mother during her long illness and sad death. May the greatest blessings of our Heavenly Father rest richly on them all, is our most fervent prayer.

THE GONZALEZ FAMILY.

Lots on the Installment Plan.

Isaacs & Fischer have decided to dispose of their lots in the Gardner addition, on the installment plan. These lots are situated on Fowler street, and are among the most desirable for residences in town. They are 50x150 feet in size. Lots will be sold for $25.00 cash, and monthly payments of $10.00 until paid, the price of the lots, with two exceptions, being $250.

This is the best opportunity offered in Fort Myers to secure a choice building site for a home in the heart of our growing town. Call on Philip Isaacs at the PRESS office. tf

BEST REMEDY FOR CONSTIPATION

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by B. P. Matheson and all druggists.

—Alligator skins wanted. We want 100,000 alligator skins, and pay the highest market prices. Louis Stern & Co., 101 Beekman St., New York City. 14t3

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief. For sale by B. P. Matheson and all druggists.

Yacht Florida For Charter.

This fine auxiliary schooner yacht, which is large enough for safe cruising anywhere in the Gulf, is for charter. She has 35 h. p. engines, makes 9 miles, has staterooms and large cabin. Apply to Hugh Goldie, or H. E. Heitman.

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Herbine is a boon for sufferers from anaemia. By its use the blood is quickly regenerated and the color becomes normal. The drooping strength is revived. The languor is diminished. Health, vigor and tone predominate. New life and happy activity results. Mrs. Belle H. Shriel, Middleborough, Ill., writes, I have been troubled with liver complaint and poor blood and have found nothing to benefit me like herbine. I hope never to be without it. I have wished that I had known of it during my husband's life time. 50c. Sold by Tropical Drug Co.

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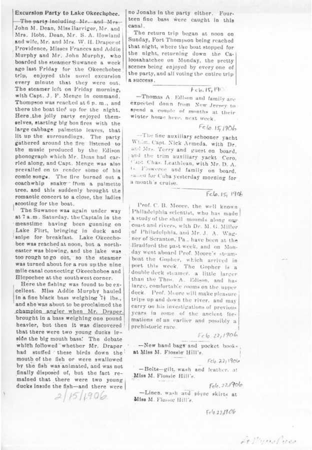

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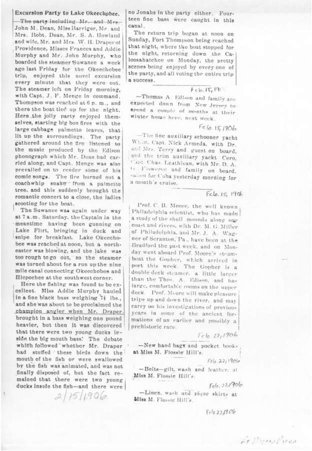

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The return trip began at noon on Sunday, Fort Thompson being reached that night, where the boat stopped for the night, returning down the Caloosahatchee on Monday, the pretty scenes being enjoyed by every one of the party, and all voting the entire trip a success.

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Another Fast Launch.

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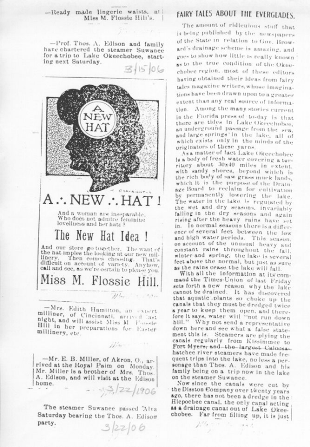

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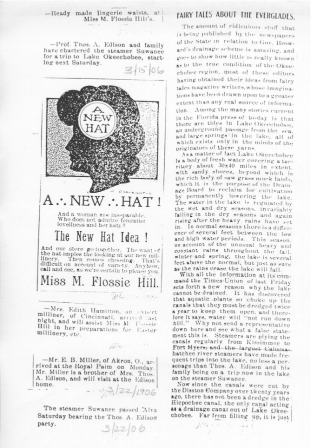

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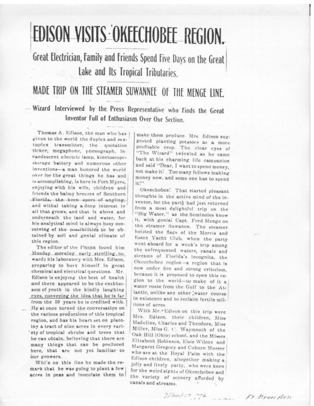

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The editor of the PRESS found him Monday morning early strolling towards his laboratory with Mrs. Edison, preparing to bury himself in great chemical and electrical questions. Mr. Edison is enjoying the best of health and there appeared to be the enthusiasm of youth in the kindly laughing eyes, conveying the idea that he is far from the 59 years he is credited with. He at once turned the conversation on the various productions of this tropical region, and has his heart set on planting a tract of nine acres in every variety of tropical shrubs and trees that he can obtain, believing that there are many things that can be produced here, that are not yet familiar to our growers.

While on this line he made the remark that he was going to plant a few acres in peas and inoculate them to make them produce. Mrs. Edison suggested planting potatoes as a more profitable crop. The clear eyes of "The Wizard" twinkled as he came back at his charming life companion and said "Dear, I want to spend money, not make it! Too many fellows making money now, and some one has to spend it!"

Okeechobee! That started pleasant thoughts in the active mind of the inventor, for the party had just returned from a most delightful trip on the "Big Water," as the Seminoles know it, with genial Capt. Fred Menge on the steamer Suwanee. The steamer hoisted the flags of the Morris and Essex Yacht Club, when the party went aboard for a week's trip among the unfrequented waters, canals and streams of Florida's incognita, the Okeechobee region—a region that is now under fire and strong criticism, because it is proposed to open this region to the world—to make of it a water route from the Gulf to the Atlantic, unlike any other water course in existence and to reclaim fertile millions of acres.

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Great Electrician, Family and Friends Spend Five Days on the Great Lake and Its Tropical Tributaries.

MADE TRIP ON THE STEAMER SUWANNEE OF THE MENGE LINE.

Wizard Interviewed by the Press Representative who Finds the Great Inventor Full of Enthusiasm Over Our Section.

Thomas A. Edison, the man who has given to the world the duplex and sextuplex transmitter, the quotation ticker, megaphone, phonograph, incandescent electric lamp, kinetoscope, storage battery and numerous other inventions—a man honored the world over for the great things he has and is accomplishing, is here in Fort Myers, enjoying with his wife, children and friends the balmy breezes of Southern Florida, the keen sport of angling, and withal taking a deep interest in all that grows, and that is above and underneath the land and water, for his analytical mind is always busy conceiving of the possibilities to be obtained by soil and genial climate of this region.

The editor of the PRESS found him Monday morning early strolling towards his laboratory with Mrs. Edison, preparing to bury himself in great chemical and electrical questions. Mr. Edison is enjoying the best of health and there appeared to be the enthusiasm of youth in the kindly laughing eyes, conveying the idea that he is far from the 59 years he is credited with. He at once turned the conversation on the various productions of this tropical region, and has his heart set on planting a tract of nine acres in every variety of tropical shrubs and trees that he can obtain, believing that there are many things that can be produced here, that are not yet familiar to our growers.

While on this line he made the remark that he was going to plant a few acres in peas and inoculate them to make them produce. Mrs. Edison suggested planting potatoes as a more profitable crop. The clear eyes of "The Wizard" twinkled as he came back at his charming life campanion and said "Dear, I want to spend money, not make it! Too many fellows making money now, and some one has to spend it!"

Okeechobee! That started pleasant thoughts in the active mind of the inventor, for the party had just returned from a most delightful trip on the "Big Water," as the Seminoles know it, with genial Capt. Fred Menge on the steamer Suwanee. The steamer hoisted the flags of the Morris and Essex Yacht Club, when the party went aboard for a week's trip among the unfrequented waters, canals and streams of Florida's incognita, the Okeechobee region—a region that is now under fire and strong criticism, because it is proposed to open this region to the world—to make of it a water route from the Gulf to the Atlantic, unlike any other water course in existence and to reclaim fertile millions of acres.

With Mr. Edison on this trip were Mrs. Edison, their children, Miss Madeline, Charles and Theodore, Miss Miller, Miss G. C. Waymouth of the Oak Hill (Ohio) school, and the Misses Elizabeth Robinson, Elsie Wilcox and Margaret Gregory and Coburn Musser who are at the Royal Palm with the Edison children, altogether making a jolly and lively party, who were keen for the weird sights of Okeechobee and the variety of scenery afforded by canals and streams.

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Mr. Edison was impressed with the change of scenery peculiar to the various rivers. He spoke of the many improvements and changes on the Caloosahatchee, of the thrifty orange groves, and the pretty tropical banks of solid palms of the upper river, unlike anything in the United States. Then through the Disston canals, Lakes Flirt, Bonnet, Hicpochee and at last suddenly emerging from the narrow canals into the boundless waters of Florida's inland sea—where the weird, scattering cypress stretched out its arms, and all seemed to feel the strange effect of entering this unfrequented lake, far away from civilization and even the hut of the backwoods settlers—alone on the bosom of the sparkling waters of Lake Okeechobee, around whose borders paddled the followers of Osceola and Tiger Tail.

Then as the Suwanee headed for Taylor Creek, land soon dropped from view, and for once the young people seemed subdued by the indescribable feeling that comes over one, unlike that felt at sea, to find yourself out of sight of land on Okeechobee. Thus for two hours the boat steamed, and then the north shore of the lake gradually appeared in sight, and a few hours steaming brought them to Taylor's Creek, the deep stream, with a channel, as Mr. Edison marveled at, far deeper than the bottom of the big lake, bordered by the immense, and as a matter of fact, overhead cypress trees, for the steamer literally steams under the great arms of the weird cypress, and passengers on the upper decks must look out that they be not swept overboard by these tree tops.

Nothing escapes the keen eye of Edison. He enjoys the fun, the fishing, etc., but the growth of timber, topography, chemistry of the soil, nature's way of building a water way, all interest him. Who knows but this communing so closely with Nature, that she may have given this wonderful man another "tip," from which may result other inventions to benefit the human race.

Another day and the Suwanee carries its precious human cargo past the mouth of Kissimmee river, and later enters that pretty stream with the prosaic name of Fish Eating Creek, different again from the other rivers and creeks, in that it meanders and twists around an open saw grass region, until the deep stream above, with its sharp banks are reached.

A nor'easter on the return gives the party a touch of the ugly mood Okeechobee may get in, and the Suwanee is tossed on the waves for a short time. Much could be said of the many happy incidents of the trip, had we the room to give them here, but that this novel trip was enjoyed by Mr. Edison and the entire party there is not the least room for question. When at last the good steamer Suwanee landed at the Edison dock, the young ladies who had been secretly at work on some lines, greeted Capt. Menge with some complimentary verses which they sung to the tune of "Tammany," until the bashful (?) Captain blushed as much as the pretty school girls themselves. Then the Oak Hill pupils turned on Mr. and Mrs. Edison, thanked them in most heartfelt manner and words, for the jolly outing they had afforded them, and ended with a rousing three cheers and a hurrah for the Edisons.

Sunday was another happy day for the Edison party when they took the Suwanee for a day on Sanibel, landing at the light house, and enjoying the beach, bathing and fishing, making a stop at Punta Rassa for an hour on the return, where they feasted on "real" oysters that jolly George Shultz, brought up fresh out of the salt water.

Mr. Edison has had splendid luck fishing this season, catching long strings of sea trout, lady fish, rovalla, red fish, black bass, etc. He says if there is anywhere on earth where there are more fish than in the Caloosahatchee river and bays, he wants some one to point it out to him.

Mr. Edison hopes in coming seasons to spend at least three months in Fort Myers. Important business meetings north compel him to leave on the 5th of April. Mrs. Edison suggested to him that the children would go on the 1st, and wanted them to go along. "Not on your life," came the quick response. "What, leave this?" said the Wizard, as his hand swept across the pretty grounds and river in front. The earnest manner showed how much he enjoyed his stay here. And Mrs. Edison owned up that she was not ready to go either.

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The steamer Edison took a goodly number of Alva citizens to the temperance fish fry at Fort Myers and returned Thursday evening.

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too, who are farming, and raising prize goods too. There is the old pioneer, Wm. S. Clay of Orange River, who has lived in Lee County since 1869, and is close up in the eighties, as successful a farmer as any of the younger generation. If the State Fair had been in progress now he would take the premium for cabbage, for on Monday he brought in a load and among them was one that brought down the scales at 28 pounds, and he says he has a number just as large.

Chicago Market By Wire.

FORT MYERS PRESS,

Fancy wax beans $5.00 to $5.50; green $4.50 to $5.00; common or spotted are neglected. Fancy tomatoes $5.00 to $5.50; choice $3.00 to $4.00. Egg plants standard crates, $3.00 to $3.50. Lettuce well headed $2.50; fancy stock wanted, common neglected.

BARNETT BROS.

MARRIED.

Rev. J. L. Moon, pastor of the Methodist Church, went to Estero on Monday where he united in marriage Mr. K. A. Leitner of that place and Miss Ada Bedell, daughter of Mr. M. Bedell of New York, who is spending the winter at Estero. The wedding occurred on Mr. Leitner's birthday. The PRESS extends congratulations to the happy couple.

—Mrs. Thos. A. Edison gave a Four O'clock Tea at her pretty Caloosahatchee home last Monday to the winter cottagers, at which were present Dr. and Mrs. Terry, Mrs. McCrosky, Mr. John M. Dean and wife and their niece, Miss Barrigar, Mr, Robt. Dean and wife. Mrs. Thompson and daughter. Miss Miller, Mr. E. B. Miller, Mrs. W. C. Perkins and daughter Ada, and the young ladies of the Oak Hill school, at the Royal Palm. Mrs. Edison is a gracious hostess, and admidst the tropical surroundings of the Edison cottage, the hour was most delightfully spent by the party.

—Mrs. E. L. Evans entertained the Ladies' Whist Club with a delightful morning session at her residence on Thursday last. Whist was played at four tables. Mrs. H. E. Heitman won first prize, a hand made collar case, and Mrs. Corinne Summerlin was given a pin cushion for the booby. The game was followed by a nicely served luncheon consisting of chicken salad, crackers, coffee, stuffed dates, salted almonds, etc., making this one of the most pleasant of the club's meetings.

—Five acres of land cleared, 5-room house and barn, 25 grape fruit trees, mostly bearing, at New Prospect, one fourth mile from river, $750.00.

Address, W. S. McCROAN.

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Moore, of Richmond, Va., relatives of Mr. John T. Murphy, are here the guests of the family at their winter home "Immokalee".

Dr. J. M. Steover and wife were guests of the Thorp House this week, and had intended remaining for some time, but were called back to Philadelphia by the death of a relative.

Mr. W. W. Mason, of Sarasota, with a party including Mrs Kitchell, Mrs. Bassett and Russell Thompson, have been at the Bradford several days this week. They are on a cruise along the coast.

Mrs. M. K. Means, who has been spending the winter here, a guest of the Hill House, left for her home in Steubenville, O., on Monday. The lady has many friends here, and quite a party gathered at the depot to see her off.

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—It begins to look like there will be an interesting contest for Representative from Lee county in the legislature, Mr. Louis A. Hendry announcing himself as a candidate for that office this week. Mr. Hendry has made one of the best mayors Fort Myers has ever had. He is a son of Capt. F. A. Hendry who for so many years ably represented Lee county in the legislature. His entrance into the contest will make an interesting situation, and the race will be closely watched by the voters.

Announcements.

For County Commissioner.

We hereby announce the name of R. W. Gilliam as a candidate for County Commissioner from the Fort Myers district.

MANY VOTERS.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination as the Democratic Candidate for Representative to the Legislature from Lee County at the approaching primaries. If you see fit to elect me I will serve you to the best of my ability.

LOUIS A. HENDRY.

For County Commissioner.

We hereby announce the name of Mr. Geo. W. Riddle of Sanibel as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner from the Coast District.

TAX PAYERS AND VOTERS.

Other Announcements in Supplement.

Notice.

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In the matter of the estate of Joseph Santana, deceased.

The next of kin of Joseph Santana, deceased, late of Lee County, Florida, and all others whom it may concern, are hereby notified that six weeks after the first publication hereof, and their failure to apply for administration on his estate

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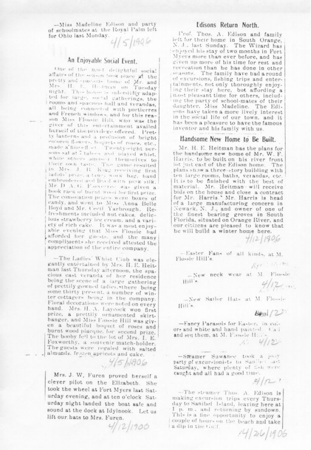

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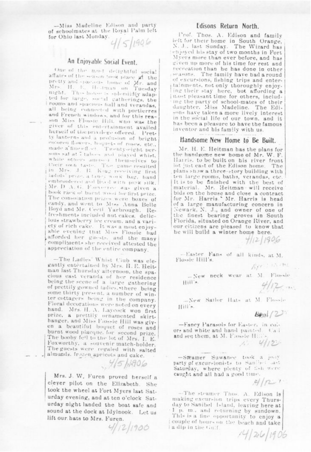

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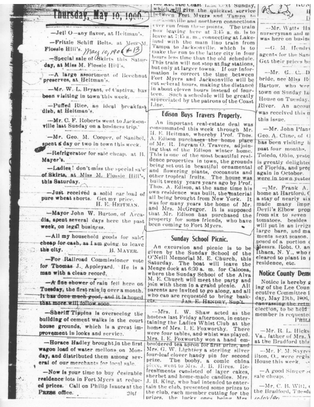

Thursday, May 10, 1906.

—Jell O—any flavor, at Heitman's.

—Fritzle Schiff Belts, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's.

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—Special sale of Skirts this Saturday, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's.

—A large assortment of Beechnut preserves, at Heitman's.

—Mr. W. L. Bryant, of Captiva, has been visiting in town this week.

—Puffed Rice, an ideal breakfast dish, at Heitman's.

—Mr. C. F. Roberts went to Jacksonville last Sunday on a business trip.

—Mr. Geo. M. Cooper, of Sanibel, spent a day or two in town this week.

—Refrigerator for sale cheap, at B. Mayer's.

—Ladies! don't miss the special sale of Skirts, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's, this Saturday.

—Just received a solid car load of pure wheat shorts. Get my price.
H. E. HEITMAN.

—Mayor John W. Burton, of Arcadia, spent several days here the past week, on legal business.

—All my household goods for sale, cheap for cash, as I am going to leave the city.
B. MAYER.

—For Railroad Commissioner vote for Thomas J. Appleyard. He is a man with a clean record.

—A fine shower of rain fell here on Tuesday, the first rain in over a month. It has done much good, and it is hoped that more will follow soon.

—Sheriff Tippins is overseeing the building of cement walks in the court house grounds, which is a great improvement in looks and service.

—Horace Hadley brought in the first wagon load of water mellons on Monday, and distributed them among several of our merchants for local sale.

—Now is your time to buy desirable residence lots in Fort Myers at reduced prices. Call on Philip Isaacs at the PRESS office. 20tf

Coast Line next Sunday, which will give the quickest service between Fort Myers and Tampa to Jacksonville and northern connections ever run from these points. The train now leaving here at 3:45 a. m. is to leave at 7:45 a. m., connecting at Lakeland with the main line train from Tampa to Jacksonville, which is to make the run to the latter city in four hours less time than the old schedule. This train will not stop at flag stations, but only at larger towns. If our information is correct the time between Fort Myers and Jacksonville will be cut several hours, making the distance in about eleven hours instead of fourteen. Such a schedule will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the Coast Line.

Edison Buys Travers Property.

An important real-estate deal was consummated this week through Mr. H. E. Heitman, whereby Prof. Thos. A. Edison purchases the home place of Mr. R. Ingram O. Travers, adjoining that of the Edison winter home. This is one of the most beautiful residence properties in town, the grounds being set out in beautiful ornamental and flowering plants, cocoanuts and other tropical fruits. The house was built twenty years years ago by Prof. Thos. A. Edison, at the same time his own residence was built, the material all being brought from New York. It was for many years the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. It is supposed that Mr. Edison has purchased the property for some friends, who have been coming to Fort Myers.

Sunday School Picnic.

An excursion and picnic is to be given by the Sunday School of the O'Neill Memorial M. E. Church, this Saturday. The boat will leave the Menge dock at 6:30 a. m. for Caloosa, where the Sunday School of the Alva M. E. Church will meet the party and join with them in a grand picnic. All parents are invited to go along, and all who can are requested to bring baskets.
JAS. E. HENDRY, Sup't.

—Mrs. I. W. Shaw acted as the hostess last Friday afternoon, in entertaining the Ladies Whist Club at the home of Mrs. I. E. Foxworthy. There were four tables, and whist was played. Mrs. I. E. Foxworthy won a hand embroidered tea apron for first prize, and Mrs. G. W. Lightsey a sterling silver four-leaf clover handy pin for second prize. The booby, a comic china piece, went to Mrs. J. B. Hires. Refreshments consisted of layer cakes, sherbet and home-made candies. Mrs. J. B. King, who had intended to entertain the club, presented some prizes to the club, each member cutting for the prizes, the lucky ones being Mrs.

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—Jell O—any flavor, at Heitman's.

—Fritzie Schiff Belts, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's.

May 10, 1906 #13

—Special sale of Skirts this Saturday, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's.

—A large assortment of Beechnut preserves, at Heitman's.

—Mr. W. L. Bryant, of Captiva, has been visiting in town this week.

—Puffed Rice, an ideal breakfast dish, at Heitman's.

—Mr. C. F. Roberts went to Jacksonville last Sunday on a business trip.

—Mr. Geo. M. Cooper, of Sanibel, spent a day or two in town this week.

—Refrigerator for sale cheap, at B. Mayer's.

—Ladies! don't miss the special sale of Skirts, at Miss M. Flossie Hill's, this Saturday.

—Just received a solid car load of pure wheat shorts. Get my price.
H. E. HEITMAN.

—Mayor John W. Burton, of Arcadia, spent several days here the past week, on legal business.

—All my household goods for sale, cheap for cash, as I am going to leave the city.
B. MAYER.

—For Railroad Commissioner vote for Thomas J. Appleyard. He is a man with a clean record.

—A fine shower of rain fell here on Tuesday, the first rain in over a month. It has done much good, and it is hoped that more will follow soon.

—Sheriff Tippins is overseeing the building of cement walks in the court house grounds, which is a great improvement in looks and service.

—Horace Hadley brought in the first wagon load of water mellons on Monday, and distributed them among several of our merchants for local sale.

—Now is your time to buy desirable residence lots in Fort Myers at reduced prices. Call on Philip Isaacs at the PRESS office. 20tf

[illegible] Coast Line next Sunday, which will give the quickest service between Fort Myers and Tampa to Jacksonville and northern connections ever run from these points. The train now leaving here at 3:45 a. m. is to leave at 7:45 a. m., connecting at Lakeland with the main lino train from Tampa to Jacksonville, which is to make the run to the latter city in four hours less time than the old schedule. This train will not stop at flag stations, but only at larger towns. If our information is correct the time between Fort Myers and Jacksonville will be cut several hours, making the distance in about eleven hours instead of fourteen. Such a schedule will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the Coast Line.

Edison Buys Travers Property.

An important real-estate deal was consummated this week through Mr. H. E. Heitman, whereby Prof. Thos. A. Edison purchases the home place of Mr. R. Ingram O. Travers, adjoining that of the Edison winter home. This is one of the most beautiful residence properties in town, the grounds being set out in beautiful ornamental and flowering plants, cocoanuts and other tropical fruits. The house was built twenty years years ago by Prof. Thos. A. Edison, at the same time his own residence was built, the material all being brought from New York. It was for many years the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. It is supposed that Mr. Edison has purchased the property for some friends, who have been coming to Fort Myers.

Sunday School Picnic.

An excursion and picnic is to be given by the Sunday School of the O'Neill Memorial M. E. Church, this Saturday. The boat will leave the Menge dock at 6:30 a. m. for Caloosa, where the Sunday School of the Alva M. E. Church will meet the party and join with them in a grand picnic. All parents are invited to go along, and all who can are requested to bring baskets.
JAS. E. HENDRY, Sup't.

—Mrs. I. W. Shaw acted as the hostess last Friday afternoon, in entertaining the Ladies Whist Club at the home of Mrs. I. E. Foxworthy. There were four tables, and whist was played. Mrs. I. E. Foxworthy won a hand embroidered tea apron for first prize, and Mrs. G. W. Lightsey a sterling silver four-leaf clover handy pin for second prize. The booby, a comic china piece, went to Mrs. J. B. Hires. Refreshments consisted of layer cakes, sherbet and home-made candies. Mrs. J. B. King, who had intended to entertain the club, presented some prizes to the club, each member cutting for the prizes, the lucky ones being Mrs

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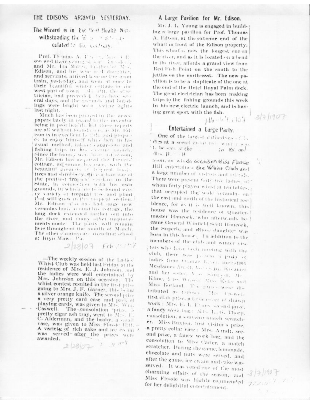

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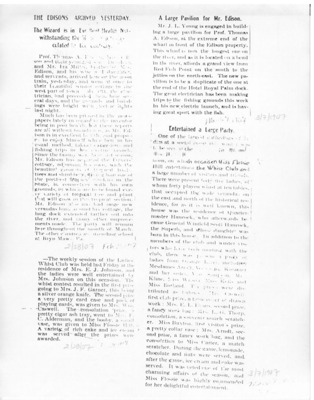

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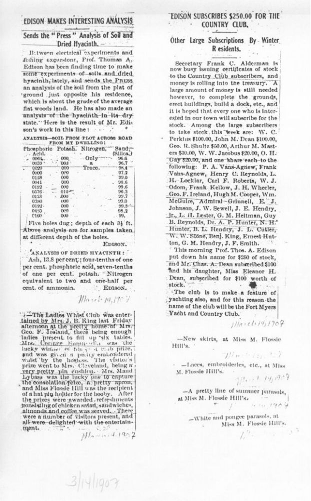

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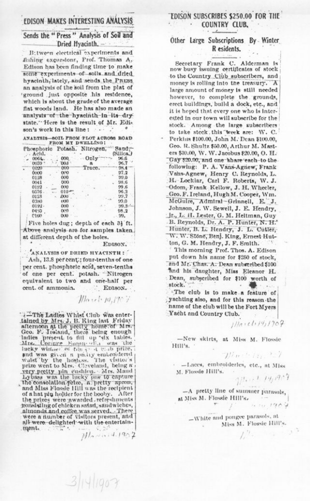

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Phosphoric Acid.	Potash.	Nitrogen.	Sand. (Silica.)
0064	000	Only	96.6
0059	003	a	96.7
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Five holes dug; depth of each 3½ ft. Above analysis are for samples taken at different depth of the holes.

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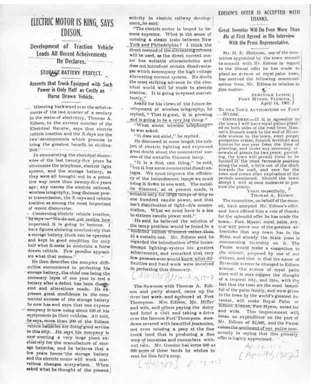

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Yours respectfully,
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The committee, on behalf of the council, have accepted Mr. Edison's offer, and have offered him a vote of thanks for the splendid offer he has made the town. Fort Myers' royal palm avenue will prove one of the greatest attractions that any town has in the State, and already the State press is commenting favorably on it. The PRESS would make a suggestion to the council, proposed by one of our citizens, and that is that the name of Riverside avenue be changed to Edison avenue. An avenue of royal palm trees will at once suggest the thought of a tropical city, and this, with the fact that the trees are the most beautiful of the palm family, and were given to the town by the world's greatest inventor, will make Royal Palm or Edison Avenue, Fort Myers, noted far and wide. This improvement will mean an expenditure on the part of Mr. Edison of $2,500, and the PRESS voices the sentiment of our entire community in saying that this princely offer is highly appreciated.

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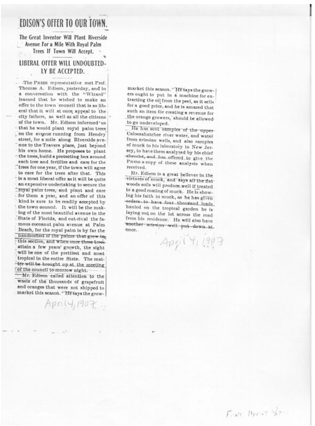

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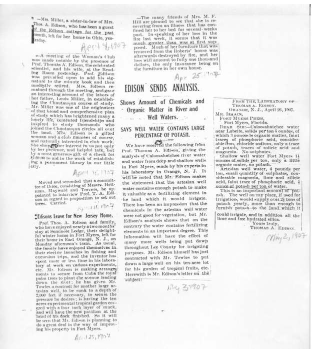

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April 4, 1907

—A meeting of the Woman's Club was made notable by the presence of Prof. Thomas A. Edison, the celebrated scientist, and his wife, at the Reading Room yesterday. Prof. Edison was prevailed upon to add his signature to the minute book and then modestly retired. Mrs. Edison remained through the meeting, and gave an interesting account of the labors of her father, Louis Miller, in establishing the Chautauqua course of study. Mr. Miller was one of the originators of that broad and comprehensive plan of study which has brightened many a lonely life, cemented friendships and inspired to study thousands who joined the Chautauqua circles all over the land. Mrs. Edison is a gifted woman and a club member of course, and naturally interested in club work. She showed her interest in us not only by her presence, and helpful talk, but by a most generous gift of a check for $120.00 to aid in the work of establishing a permanent library in our little city.

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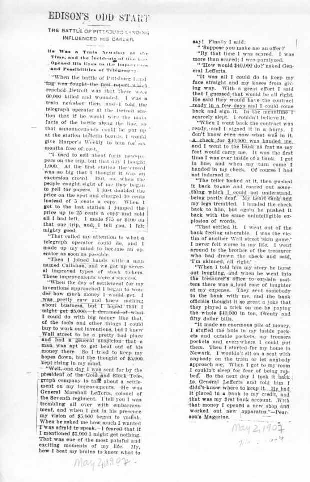

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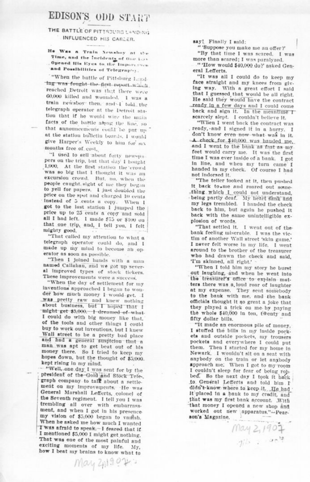

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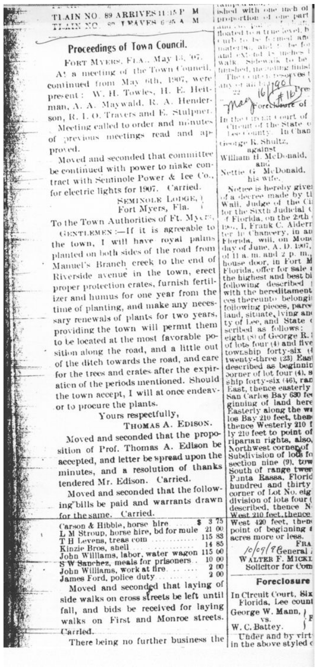

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Proceedings of Town Council.

FORT MYERS, FLA., May 13, '07.

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Meeting called to order and minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Moved and seconded that committee be continued with power to make contract with Seminole Power & Ice Co., for electric lights for 1907. Carried.

SEMINOLE LODGE,
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TRAIN NO. 89 ARRIVES 11:15 P. M.
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Proceedings of Town Council.

FORT MYERS, FLA., May 13, '07.

At a meeting of the Town Council, continued from May 6th, 1907, were present: W. H. Towles, H. E. Heitman, A. A. Maywald, R. A. Henderson, R. I. O. Travers and E. Stulpner.

Meeting called to order and minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Moved and seconded that committee be continued with power to make contract with Seminole Power & Ice Co., for electric lights for 1907. Carried.

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Foreclosure of

In the Circuit Court of
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Lee County. In Chan

George R. Shultz,
against
William H. McDonald,
and
Nettie G. McDonald,
his wife.

Notice is hereby give
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Foreclosure

In Circuit Court, Six
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—The Thorp House closed for the season this week, and Mrs. Thorp will take a much needed rest until next ". Like Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Thorp has catering to the public for the past twenty years, and a few months' rest from the cares of looking after her guests will do her much good.

—The ketch rig power yacht Rita, belonging to Mr. Marion Story, which left Miami with a crew of six on March 30th, has not been heard from since she left that port for New York. The Rita was formerly the Granatsa and was built for N. M. George, who has been here in her in past seasons.

—Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Miles, who have been spending the winter and spring at their beautiful home in town, leave for their home at Elkhart, Ind., in a few days. Dr. Miles has become a extensive property owner in this section, and contemplates making many improvements on his properties.

—In Chicago an automobilist ran over a bicyclist. The injured man sued for damages. The autoist set up that he blew his horn for the man on the wheel to get off the street. He was there first, in full possession, and so long as he was moving and not obstructing the highway the autoist who wanted to use the same street must accommodate his gait to that of the man on the wheel. There is a general rule, generally observed, that all people, using the highways should be mutually accommodating, but when there is room for only one the man in possession has the right of way.—Ex.

growers, for it has been pointed out that this plan will prove as much of a boon for the vegetable growers of the coast as the orange shippers along the river. By placing the vegetable in cold storage they will be in better shape to be shipped to market, and by this means the marketing season can be greatly extended, and the fact that the vegetables will be in so much better shape for shipment will give the growers here the advantage of shipping by freight instead on express, and thus saving a great deal of transportation charges.

—Will pay you to buy a stock of goods to last you some time, and get the best at living prices, from

R. A. Henderson.

—Mrs. James McCrosky, just before her departure north, gave two volumns on Correct Social Usages, published by the New York Society of Self Culture. Our young people will find these books very helpful. The etiquette for all social functions, for home life and traveling, is so nicely told in these books that any one who reads them must be benefitted." Since Mrs. Edison's return north she has kindly had in mind the little Reading Room and Library of Fort Myers, and has sent for the use of the young people especially, two valuable books, one by Frank M. Chapman, on the "Birds of Eastern North America," and the other, "The Sea-Beach at Ebb-Tide, or How to Know the Sea-Shore." Both these books are finely illustrated, and the language as simple as it can be made in the description used in the classification. Our boys who are so fond of the coast and forrest, can find ready help in naming the birds, seaweeds, corals and mollusks they find on their trips. Now that our young people are having their summer vacation, it will be a good time to study nature, and to take advantage of the helps that the Reading Room offers. We have over two hundred good books to select from in general reading. Come and see and read.

Edison Phonographs.

The Edison Phonograph, the best machine on the market, can be bought here at the same price you would pay by ordering. I can furnish you the machine and records at factory prices, and save you the freight or exprsss, and if you buy a machine from me I will adjust and repair it at any time, free of charge to you, unless some part is broken, and that will be furnished at cost. 8tf E. T. Cox.

—For a cold or a cough take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It is better than any other cough remedy because its laxative principle assures a healthy, copious action of the bowels and at the same time it heals irritation of the throat strengthens the bronchial tubes and allays inflammation of the mucous membrane. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by W. B. Winkler.

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L. M. STROU
First-Class Teams. Ha
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180 acres of the best Grove and Truck Land in Lee County, situated on the South Side of the Caloosahatchee, near the famous Bain groves and truck farms, where fruit and truck have never been injured by frost, owing to its location, being protected on the north by the river at its widest part, and on the south by San Carlos Bay. This land is high and well drained. Post office near at Bain's Landing. Will be sold in 10 and 20-acre tracts. Price, $25.00 per acre.

NO. 41.

20 acres. South Side of River, near Alva. 15-acre young grove, with 184 orange and 151 grapefruit trees, some bearing. 4-room dwelling. Part scrub and part black-clay cabbage hammock. Running stream divides the 20 acres. Land high, never overflows.
Price 20 acres $1200.00.

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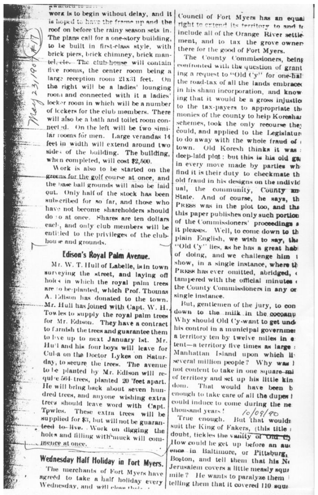

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Work is also to be started on the greens for the golf course at once, and the base ball grounds will also be laid out. Only half of the stock has been subscribed for so far, and those who have not become shareholders should do so at once. Shares are ten dollars each, and only club members will be entitled to the privileges of the club-house and grounds.

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forests of pine and cypress. Her orange groves and big hotels have been extensively exploited, but the fact that it is the best poor man's country in America has not been exploited much, and that is the most important feature of Florida. If the fact was generally known that a family of five or more persons can live comfortably on a two-acre truck patch and even lay something by for a rainy day, Florida's population would soon double. Just now thousands of people from the northern and central states are moving to Manitoba to better their conditions, but it costs only about half as much to live well in Florida as it does in Manitoba. House, clothing, food and fuel do not cost so much. Cattle live the year round out doors and keep fat. To sum it all up, I would call Florida 'the poor man's paradise.' Not but that it is a delightful habitat for the well to do and the rich. They can take care of themselves anywhere. Why any man can live in city slums and rear children when they can find a home with pleasant surroundings and healthful environments in Florida at a price within the reach of the every-day laborer, is a surprising mystery. I am no land agent or land boomer; I own not one cent's worth of property in Florida, but I write these words in hope that folks of small means in cities and colder climates reading this may improve their conditions by the simple process of settling in Florida, where nature has been so lavish with her gifts."

An Okeechobee Survey.

The St. Lucie County Tribune says that Tom Tyre has just returned from Stuart where he has been for the last three weeks with the Evers' Engineering Company, making a survey of the proposed water route from Stuart to Lake Okeechobee for the South Florida Navigation Company. Mr. Tyre says that the survey just completed, is from what he can gather, a gratifying surprise to the company, as the reports are much more favorable to the successful prosecution of the enterprise than the Fries' report to the government.

The incalculable importance of a waterway from the Atlantic to Lake Okeechobee and probably to the Gulf, can be readily seen. Vast acres of hitherto inaccessible and untillable land will be drained and opened; adequate transportation facilities inaugurated for the moving of crops; to say nothing of a nearer and cheaper route for freight from the Gulf ports to the East coast. The enterprise is a magnificent one and should appeal to every promoter of the State's welfare.

Edison's Old Tutor Dead.

Detroit, Mich., June 17—The body of John Thomas, the man who taught Thomas A. Edison telegraphy and thus started the latter on his great career as an electrician, for three days lay unclaimed in the city morgue and finally was given burial by the city.

As far as is known here, his only relatives are his divorced wife and their daughter. Shortly before his death, Thomas told the story of his acquaintance with the great inventor, which began when Thomas was a telegrapher at Fort Gratoit, Mich. Edison was about fifteen years old at that time and was selling papers on trains.

Financial Statement School Board.

Treasurer's Report—

Balance on hand last month	$4251.89
Receipts for the month	3312.56
Total	$7564.45
Warrants paid during month	3993.63
Balance on hand	$3570.82

Special School Fund—

Balance on hand district 1	$2395.64
" " " " 2	244.40
" " " " 3	393.11
" " " " 4	210.28
" " " " 5	216.49
" " " " 6	105.72
" " " " 7	264.87
" " " " 8	1379.29
Total	$5169.80

Warrants issued this month—

General school fund	$814.77
Special school district fund	189.27

Order for Publication.

In the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Lee County, Florida. In Chancery.

James E. Foxworthy,
vs. } Foreclosure of Mortgage.
Mary J. Simmons, et al.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Mary J. Simmons, Ben Simmons, Annie Simmons, William M. Simmons, John M. Simmons, Isom Simmons, Joseph A. Simmons, Thomas J. Simmons and Tilda Simmons, the Defendants therein named, are each non-residents of the State of Florida, and are each residents of Olive, western district of the Indian Territory; that the said Mary J. Simmons, Ben Simmons and Annie Simmons, each are over the age of twenty-one years; that William M. Simmons, John M. Simmons, Isom Simmons, Joseph A. Simmons, Thomas J. Simmons and Tilda Simmons, each are under the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident Defendants be and they are hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 5th day of August, A. D. 1907, otherwise the allegations of said Bill will be taken as confessed by said Defendants.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Fort Myers Press, a newspaper published in said County and State.

This June 11th, 1907. W. M. HENDRY,
FRANK C. ALDERMAN Clerk Circuit C't.
Solicitor for Complainant. 2615

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Lee County, Florida, dated the 8th day of June, A. D. 1907, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Julia Strain is plaintiff and David Strain is defendant, I have levied upon and will sell at public outcry before the Court House door, in Fort Myers, Florida, on Monday, the 5th day of August, A. D. 1907, the same being the first Monday in the month, and a legal sale's day, during the legal hours of sale, between 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit: The west-half of the west-half in section thirty-three (33), township forty-six (46), of range twenty-five (25) south and east. The above described property being situated in Lee County, Florida.

FRANK B. TIPPINS,
2615 Sheriff of Lee County, Florida.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that six months after the date hereof, to-wit: The 25th day of October, A. D. 1907, the undersigned administrator of the estate of B. E. Henderson, deceased, will present his final account with said estate, and the vouchers thereof, to the Hon. Philip Isaacs, Judge of the County Judge's Court in for Lee County, Florida, and ask for final discharge as such administrator. (19

ROBT. A. HENDERSON, Administrator.
Dated Fort Myers, Fla., April 25, 1907.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE, GAINESVILLE, FLA.,
May 20th, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Stephen L. Roberson, of Wulfert, Fla., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry, No. 31,478, made April 11th, 1902, for the Lot 1, Section 13, Township 46 S. Range 21 E., and that said proof will be made before Clerk Circuit Court at Fort Myers, Fla., on July 21, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:

A. V. Gibson, David W. Hope, Peter T. J. Hagin, Mason M. Dwight, all of Wulfert, Florida.

HENRY S. CHUBB,
2616 Register.

Order for Publication.

In the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit Lee County, Florida. In Chancery.

Mary E. Shourt,
vs. } Bill in Divorce.
Henry Shourt.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Henry Shourt, the Defendant therein named is a non-resident of the State of Florida, that his residence is unknown to affiant; and that said Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident Defendant be and he is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the fifth (5th) day of August, A. D. 1907, otherwise the allegations of said Bill will be taken as confessed by said Defendant.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for eight consecutive weeks in the FORT MYERS PRESS a newspaper published in said County and State.

W. M. HENDRY,
This May 27th, 1907. Cl'k Circuit Court.
FRANK C. ALDERMAN,
Solicitor for Complainant. 2418

Notice for Bids.

Bids will be received by the county com-

Unknown	lots 12 and 13 block 2, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 3, block 3, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
W H Brown	lot 7, block 4, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 13, block 4, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 21, block 3, Towles' sub-divison Fort Myers		
Alzo White	lots 13 and 14, block 5, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 1, 2 and block 5, Towles' sub-division Fort Myers		
E A Gilbert	begin south-east corner block 17, north 180 feet, west [illegible] south 125 feet, south 35 east 152 feet to 2nd street, east 80 north 100 feet to to begin		
Unknown	lot 27, block 5, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 12, block 4, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
W H Simmons	lot 22, block 4, Evans addition Fort Myers		
Grace Taylor	lot 24, block 4, Evans' additon Fort Myers		
Joe Robinson	lots 15 and 17, block 6, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 20, block 6, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Thos Means	n 1-3 lots 1 and 3, block 12, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 6, block 12, Evans addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 5 and 7, block 12, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 21, block 12, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
Wm Smith	lot 1, block 14, Evans' addition Fort Myers		
J W Christian	lot 38, block 17, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 14 and 16, block 18, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 13 and 15, block 20, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 11, block 20, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 25, block 21, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Rhett Green	lot 48, block 21, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 27 and 29, block 21, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 1, block 22, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
P T Noyes	s½ and lots 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, block 22, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
King & Rawls	lots 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22, block 24, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Hooker & Rawls	all except lots 1 and 3, block 26, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Lee Edwards	lots 25 and 27, block 27, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Lee Edwards	lots 5, 7 and 9, block 28, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, block 28, Evans' second addition Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 10 and 11, block 1, Knight's extension Fort Myers		
Unknown	lots 4 and 5, block 2, Knight's extension Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 3, block 4, Knight's extension Fort Myers		
A W Bradley	lot 2, block 1, Bradley's sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 6 and 7, block 2, Bradley's sub-division Fort Myers		
W H Evers	lots 20 and 21, block 1, Raleigh's allotment, Fort Myers		
B B Whalton	lots 1 and 2, block 3, G B Johnson's sub-division Fort Myers		
R F Whalton	lots 3 and 4 and 6 to 14 inclusive, block 3, G B Johnson's sub-division Fort Myers		
Cath Alberly	lot 5, block 3, G B Johnson's sub-division Fort Myers		
Unknown	lot 10, block A	23	44
Unknown	lot 1, Cohen's sub-division		
Alice M Miller	begin 11.86 chains west of south-east corner lot 1, north 47° west to river, southerly along river 6.31 chains, south 47° east to north-east corner lot 2, east to begin, Fort Myers	23	44
L W Bethel	begin 210 feet west and 420 feet south of north-east corner of se¼ of ne¼, south 210 feet, west 210 feet, north 210 feet, east 210 feet, Fort Myers	23	44
Unknown	begin 300 feet south of north-west corner of ne¼, east 150 feet, south 50 feet, west 150 feet, north 50 feet	24	44
Unknown	nw¼ of sw¼ of ne¼	24	44
Unknown	begin north-east corner of nw¼ of nw¼, west of Monroe street, southrly along Monroe street 265 feet, east 120 feet, south to Peck avenue, eastly along Peck avenue to east boundary of nw¼ of nw¼, north to begin	24	44
Ella Kenney	begin 210 feet south of north-west corner section, east 210 feet, south 105 feet, west 210 feet, north 105 feet	24	44
S J Tyler	begin 735 feet south and 315 west of north-west corner of section, east 105 feet, south 105 feet, west 105 feet, north 105 feet to begin	24	44
Unknown	begin 210 feet east 138 feet north of south-west corner of nw¼ of nw¼, east 210 feet, north 61¼ west 210 feet, south 61¼	24	44
Estelle White	begin 210 feet east and 130½ feet north of south-west corner of nw¼ of nw¼, east 210 feet,		

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—Under the very able direction of Rev. E. K. Shults, the Baptist congregation have taken a new lease of life and are now making many improvements on the church. Besides this work they have purchased the two story house known as the Hadley house, and are having the same moved down to the church lot to be used as a parsonage. Rev. Shults is an indefatigable worker in the cause of his charge, and what can be accomplished by a well directed effort is now being made manifest.

—On Friday evening, October 18th at McAdow's Music Store, a musical entertainment of songs and instrumental selections, also, recitations will be given under the auspices of the Reading Room Committee for the purpose of raising funds for defraying the expenses of that institution. Mr. McAdow has very kindly donated the use of his room for the evening and Mrs. E. L. Evans has taken charge of the program, so we may expect an unusually interesting event. We have had nothing of this character for a long time and the cause is a worthy one, so let our citizens all turn out. Tickets will be for sale at the stores, hotels and boarding houses.

—Mr. J. L. Yonug has just completed a solid sea wall made of 2x6 lumber, along the entire river front of Thos. A. Edison's winter home. The wall, which is out 165 yards from the shore, is 1800 feet long. This will make a wonderful improvement along this property front as it will be cleared out, and the lettuce and hyacinth which make our river front an unsightly and unhealthful place, can no longer get inside the enclosure, but will be carried by by the wind and tide and lodge either above or below the Wizard's home. If we cannot get together on a sea wall and boulevard proposition, the property owners might try the scheme of making a solid board wall along the entire river front, which would do away with the rotting vegetation along our otherwise beautiful river front.

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rejoicing over the arrival of a fine [illegible] boy, which came to bless their home Tuesday, March 3rd.

—Another shipment of "Barrington Hall" steel cut coffee, just received at Reynolds.'

—Dr. E. M. Williams went down to Punta Rassa Tuesday morning to take some photographs of the new Shultz hetel, returning Tuesday afternoon.

When you think of Flour, think of "Gold Medal," sold only by The H. E. Heitman Company.

—C. B. Yarbrough has purchased a handsome launch from E. H Patten, and for the past few days has been giving his friends some rare fun riding on the river.

—Take some of Matheson's one, two and three capsules for that grippe and billious headache you have. Ten cents each or three for 25c.

—W. G. Langford, president of the First National Bank, and one of the most prominent business men in the county, has returned from a visit to his Deep Lake grove.

—Lost, a lady's tan leather satchel on cemetery road, between town and J. W. Sherrill's place. Finder will please return to Prof. J. W. Sherrill or PRESS office.

—The county school board was in session Wednesday, with B. S. Clay. chairman; E. L. Evans, T. J. Barnes. and Supt. Sumner present. The minutes will appear next week.

—Reynolds uses a large glass case. 4x4x15 feet to display his cereals. This insures crispness and freedom from dust and dirt. If you want your cereals crisp and clean, patronize him.

—Mrs. Jake Wey, an estimable lady of Arcadia, was a guest of Mrs. P. A. Ruhl Sunday, returning home Monday. Mrs. Ruhl accompanied her home, returning Monday night. They took the beautiful and delightful route via the Gladys, through Charlotte Harbor to Punta Gorda.

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circulating among his Fort Myers friends Monday.

—DeWitt's Little Early Risers, small, safe, sure little liver pills. Sold by Dr. W. B. Winkler.

—Watts Hall, the nurseryman of Caloosa, was a welcome caller at THE PRESS office Wednesday.

—Use Matheson's worm powder when your children are cross and sickly. At Matheson's drug store.

—Dr. Godden, the missionary at the Indian mission, in the Everglades was among the visitors to Fort Myers this week.

—Owing to the pressure on our columns this week we will defer the publication of the grand jury presentment until next week, when it will appear in full.

—J. P. Hardee, a deputy sheriff of Hillsboro county arrived in the city Monday night and left Tuesday with a negro prisoner Sheriff Tippins had been holding for him.

—Miss Josephine Summerlin, an accomplished teacher, who has had charge of the school at Marco, having closed her school, has returned to her home at St. Lucie. This charming lady spent Sunday in the city as the guest of Mrs. F. D. Hibble.

—THE PRESS is sorry to learn that Elias Edwards, of Alva, had the misfortune a few days ago to lose his barn by fire. His house was burned and all the feed he had stored in the barn. Friends have come to his rescue and he will soon be all right.

—Miss Lucile Cordery, a charming young lady of Fort Meade, who for the past week has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reif and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lightsey, has returned to her home, much to the regret of a large circle of friends she made while here.

—The elegant Edison home is being put in readiness for the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Edison, who, we have been informed, will be down as soon as Mr. Edison is able to travel. He has recently had an operation performed, from which he is rapidly recovering.

—Be careful about that little cough. Get something right away; some good, reliable remedy that will move the bowels. Kenedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently yet promptly on the bowels and allays pain and inflammation at the same time. It is pleasant to take and is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Soid by W. B. Winkler.

—A handsome new stone building on the corner of First and Lee streets, just completed by C. F. Roberts, is certainly an attractive, and an ornament that he as well as every citizen may well feel proud of The location is fine, and Mr. Roberts informs us that the entire building has already been rented. This shows that there is a big demand for buildings in this city, as the building was rented long before completed.

section.

—The county commissioners were in session yesterday. Those present were Edw. Parkinson, chairman; W. R. Kanne, R. W. Gilliam, Wm. Gomm, and W. M. Hendry, clerk. Proceedings next week.

—Col. and Mrs. E. Hutton of Huttonville, W. Va., who have been guests of Casa Ybel, Sanibel, are in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hendry. The Colonel is busy these days enjoying the fine sport of fishing and hunting.

—Dr. D. D. Crews has moved his dental parlors to the handsome new stone building recently completed by C. F. Roberts, on the corner of First and Lee streets, where he will be pleased to greet his numerous friends and patrons.

—Drs. Rowell and Biggs, with Tom Hand as guide, were out one day las week on a hunt for birds, and succeeded in bagging all they wanted. While out Dr. Biggs shot and killed a tremendous wildcat. He was very proud of his capture.

—Thompson & Hand, the famous hunting guides, having closed the season, have closed a contract with Dr. Franklin Miles to build several miles of fencing around his place at Hygia. The old fish house down there will be put in shape and made to look as it used to.

—Just a little Cascasweet is all that is necessary to give your baby when it is cross and peevish. Cascasweet contains no opiates nor harmful drugs and is highly recommended by mothers everywhere. Conforms to the National Pure Food Law. Sold by Dr. W. B. Winkler.

—Rev. E K. Shults and family, after spending a week delightfully at the light house on Sanibel Island, have returned home. They report having had a delightful time, and have returned home in splendid health Mr. Shults says the bathing and fishing down there is something fine.

—Drs. E. E. Rowell, T. J. Biggs, of the Royal Palm, Capts. Fred and Connie Menge, and Mr. Miller of the Bradford, formed a jolly party of fishermen who went down the river this week on the Suwanee for a few days to put in fishing. When they return you may look out for some fine, large fish stories.

—For years many of the Sanibel Island people have advocated a boat to leave the Island about 9:30 a. m. and reach Fort Myers about noon. Then returning leave Fort Myers about 3 p. m. and reach the Island about 6 p. m. On January 1st, Mr. Harvey tried the experiment with the Pastime and so far it has proved a popular success for passenger travel, express and freight. The boat touches Punta Rassa, Iona, Garvey's and Dean's, and enables shippers to get their perishable vegetables on the fast north bound 2:45 p. m. train. A Southern Express car is placed along side the boat on the A. C. L. R'y dock, and in 40 minutes the car is loaded and gone.

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Fred Menge, who is certainly an artist when it comes to whistling. The song by two little children, Dean Menge and Edweena Odom was simply fine and was greatly appreciated. The Medicine Man, acted by a quintette of ladies, taking off the mode of practice by the local physicians was a grand success as was also the cake walk.

In fact, the entertainment was a success from start to finish, especial notice was taken of G. B. Reynolds and Vernon Widerquist, who acted as curtain managers, and were blacked to the limit. They performed well their parts.

Mrs. John T. Hendry presided at the piano and showed herself a musician of high order. She assisted the ladies in all their rehearsals, and to her is due a great deal of the credit for the success of the entertainment.

Much credit is due Mrs. Summerlin for the great effort she put forward n training the young ladies. She was certainly patient and a fine performance was the result. The entertainment will be repeated by request next Tuesday night, and it is expected the court house will not be near adequate to hold the immense crowd that will be on hand to witness same.

The proceeds, which amounted to $100 in cash above expenses. will go toward purchasing a piano for the school house, a most worthy cause. All praise to these noble ladies for the part they have taken, and it is in order to offer them a vote of thanks for their splendid entertainment, to say nothing of the generous deed. The Press says, well done, ladies.

ALVA LIBRARY.

An Institution That Deserves The Support Of Every Citizen.

Last week the Alva library received a gift of eighty books from a Boston friend. There are now nearly six hundred volumes in the library, including eighty paper covered books. There are also fifteen magazines and papers that come regularly month by month.

The magazines are free to all to be taken home for reading and afterwards returned to the library. The payment of one dollar makes the giver an annual member, with the privilege of the loan of one book each week in the year.

The payment of five cents gives the payee the use of one book for two weeks.

The library deserves the liberal patronage of all the citizens of Alva.

Librarian.

General Gilchrist in the City.

Hon. Albert W. Gilchrist, candidate for governor, is with us to-day, looking after his interests in the race he is making, and incidentally feeling the pulse of the people. The Press acknowledges a call from this gentleman. Mr. Gilchrist says he feels well pleased over his prospects and is confident that he will be next governor of Florida—if he gets enough votes. His announcement appears in this issue, to which we call especial attention.

this week.

The school society held an interesting meeting on last Friday afternoon. The subject for debate was:

Resolved, That the United States shall retain the Philippine Islands.

The affirmative side was taken by Harry Hendry, Dan. Ruhl and Richard Welch; the negative by R. A. Henderson, Jacob Osterhoudt and Jno. Goldsby. It was decided to retain the islands.

Several visitors were present.

LABELLE AND FORT THOMPSON.

March 17th, 1908.

Arrivals at the Fort Thompson Park hotel in the past week have been—

H H Tussey, Wayne, Pa; A C Tussey and wife, Hollidaysburg, Pa; Mrs T Harrison, Mrs J H Halliday, San Diego, Cal; G T Raymond and wife, Owanita, Fla; W A Perry and wife, Barre, Vt; R H Hill, Altamonte Springs; Chas R Hill, Philadelphia, Pa; Colonel and Mrs E Hutton, Mrs West O Ward, Miss Emily W Ward, Master Frank Ward, Huttonsville, W Va.

The editor made a mistake last week in Ft. Thompson items, where it said Franklin Miller, jr., registered at the hotel. It should have been Franklin Miles, jr.; also, item concerning Col. J. O. Wright laying on the the rapids at Fort Thompson Park trying to get over it read on. He is still at the upper end of Lake Flirt, but expects to get into the canal above the lake Wednesday. He has to build two dams to float his boat over the rapids, and the shallow places. As the Colonel has been here in extreme high water and now when the river is very low, he will have a good idea when he gets through, what the river country and the people need, and we feel confident that he will make a very instructive and favorable report.

Clinton Curry came in from the Devil's Garden with a bunch of large hogs to ship to market.

Doc. McKinney and Robert Miller are in from the woods.

THEY ARE HERE.

Thomas A. Edison and Family to Spend the Balance Of the Season.

Among the distinguished arrivals in Fort Myers this week were Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Edison and children and maids. They came direct from their home at Orange, N. J. While all of them, except Mr. Edison, appear in good health, his condition is much improved, and rest and quiet will do wonders for him.

Mr. Edison recently had an operation performed on his ear, but is doing nicely, and though he is still wearing bandages, they will soon be removed. We understand he will do considerable experimenting in his laboratory while here. He will also spend a great deal of his time tarpon fishing, of which sport he is very fond. The numerous friends of these people are pleased to have them here again.

From April 1st to 3d, inclusive, St. Augustine will celebrate the anniversary of the landing of Ponce de Leon. A grand celebration will be the order for each day.

Vocal duet, Mesdames Parkinson and Berry.

Instrumental duet, Miss Munsey.
Reading, Miss Robinson
Vocal solo, Mrs. W. Perry.
Instrumental solo, Mrs. Parkinson.
Vocal solo, Mrs. Berry.
Reading, Miss Robinson.
Vocal Solo, Mrs. Buck.
Vocal solo, Prof. Frank Perry.
Trio, Mesdames Perry, Buck and Berry.
Vocal solo, Mrs. Parkinson.
Vocal solo, Mrs. W. Perry.
Reading, Miss Robinson.

After the program cool viands and soft drinks were indulged in to an extent hitherto unknown even in luxurious Florida. And as the full moon rose over the palms and orange groves the departing guests, one and all, pronounced it the most enjoyable St. Patrick's day ever experienced.

A. Guest.

Owanita, March 17, 1908.

ALVA.

H. S. English made the round trip from Alva to Fort Myers in his launch last Saturday.

Miss Maggie Verdier is visiting friends in Fort Myers this week.

Capt. Peter Nelson returned home last Tuesday after a weeks stay at Alva.

Elias Edwards has the lumber on the grounds for building a new barn.

Miss Flora English went to Fort Myers Monday for a few days visit with relatives.

Joel Lewis recently sold his valuable property to H. H. Tussey.

Frank Parkinson left Monday for Suwanee, Tenn., where he will resume studies in the college at that place.

Mits Frankie Robinson left Tuesday after a weeks visit with friends at Alva.

Messrs. Tussey and Porter left for Pennsylvania Saturday, after enjoying a month of Florida sunshine.

Capt. E. H. Hall is helping his father, Capt. B. F. Hall, construct a steam boat.

The steamer Martha failed to materialize as advertised.

—This is what Hon. Jake Moore, state warden of Georgia, says of Kodol for Dyspepsia: "E. C. Dewitt & Co., Chicago, Ill.—Dear Sirs—I have suffered more than twenty years from indigestion. About eighteen months ago I had grown so much worse that I could not digest a crust of corn bread and could not retain anything on my stomach. I lost 25 lbs.: in fact I made up my mind that I could not live but a short time, when a friend of mine recommended Kodol. I consented to try it to please him and I was better in one day. I now weigh more than I ever did in my life and am in better health than for many years. Kodol did it. I keep a bottle constantly, and write this hoping that humanity will be benefitted. Yours very truly, Jake C. Moore, Atlanta, Aug. 10, 1904." Sold by W. B. Winkler.

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When you think of Flour, think of "Gold Medal," sold only by The H. E. Heitman Company. 23

—We have been requested to announce that the county school board will meet on the second Wednesday in April instead of the first. All persons having business before said board will be governed accordingly.

—Get DeWitt's Cabolized Witch Hazel Salve—it is healing, soothing and cooling. It is good for piles. Sold by Dr. W. Winkler.

—Mr. and Mrs. James McCrosky and Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pratt left Tuesday morning for Ontario, Calif., where they will spend some time sight-seeing. Their friends in this city wish them a pleasant journey and a safe return.

—W. B. Cannon, who has been on a visit of several days to his brother, J. W. Cannon, the baker, has returned to his home at Pineview, Ga. This is the first time these two brothers have seen each other in fourteen years, and you can imagine they were pleased and happy at this meeting.

—The work of putting an addition on the Episcopal Church has been very nearly completed. Two commodious rooms have been added to the church which will be used as vestry and study. This will add many conveniences for the rector. The addition adds to the looks of the church as well.

—Cox & Reaves come out this issue with two new advertisements. They handle the Edison Phonograph, and are pushing the sale of the machine steadily. They make some tempting offers. Then, too, they are handling furniture to a finish. They are building up a splendid business and want you to join their list of satisfied customers. Take a look at the two ads and see if you are not interested.

A FRESH LINE OF

Huyler's and
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er it was, nevertheless, highly appreciated.

—The most up to date line of mens negilgee shirts at Foxworthy & Co's.

—S. M. Smith, proprietor of "The Only Restaurant," is having new screen doors put in front of his place and proposes to keep the insects out this season.

—New spring and summer straw hats just arrived at Foxworthy & Co's.

—Just at the present the river is full of yachts and launches. Conspicuous among them is the handsome yacht Fern, the property of S. P. Jones, who, with his family, is a guest of the Royal Palm.

—J. E. M., Snow's Hobby, White Star, Angel Food and Swan's Down flours. R. A. HENDERSON.

—Mrs. R. D. Reynolds and daughter Miss Alena Joe, will leave in a few days for Henderson, Ky., to visit relatives till June, and will then be joined by Mr. Reynolds, and proceed to their future home, Quincy, Wash.

—We are forced to advance oats and corn. No. 2, white oats, $2.50; strictly dry sound corn, $1.85.

R. A. HENDERSON.

—Protracted service will begin next Sunday 29th, at the Methodist church. Rev. L. B. Bridges, evangelist, will be on hand to assist in these meetings and will preach next Sunday morning. All are invited to attend these services.

—We take pleasure in calling attention to the announcement of E. L. Evans as a candidate for the important office of member of the county school board. His friends have insisted on his running, and he has consented. He is one of our leading business men and has been filling the office acceptably to his constituency.

—The steamer Free Lance, which is on the run between this city and Punta Gorda, has not been making her usual fast time, owing to the fact that one of the fans in her propeller has been broken off. Capt. Cates is expecting a new wheel this week, when she will again take her place as one of the speedy boats.

—L. M. Stroup, who is building a hard road at Alva, spent Sunday with his family in this city, returning to his work Monday. He says he will complete the road in about two weeks, and when finished it will be one of the finest pieces of road in the county. The material used in the construction of this road is marl and it is a splendid material.

—Last Sunday the reporter visited the new home of Judge Robert Cranford, in the southern portion of the city. He now has a cozy cottage, lots of porch room and everything as comfortable as one could desire. He is very proud of his possessions and has every reason to be. He will soon begin to set out fruit trees and expects in time to have one of the most attractive places in Fort Myers.

McAdow's music store to-morrow (Friday) night and talk it over.

—Full line of mens lisle and B. V. D. underwear at Foxworthy & Co's.

—Frank Bailey, a prosperous merchant of Sanibel, was among the visitors to this city Tuesday. Frank has a host of friends in this city who are always glad to see him.

—Our corn medicine cures corns, or your money back. Matheson's drug store.

—Mrs. Dr. Simms, (nee Miss Stella Forquer) who has been visiting her brother, George Forquer, at Estero for some time, was in the city Wednesday. She was accompanied by her bright little daughter.

—500 Grape Fruit seedling trees for sale. Will close out balance of stock cheap. 2-20tf H. O. BANISTER.

—T. H. Parry, representing the Cameron-Barkley Co., of Charleston, S. C., spent a few days in the city this week on business for his firm. Tom is one of the most competent salesmen on the road and is a fine fellow besides.

—Kodol is to-day the best known and most reliable remedy for all disorders of the stomach, such as dyspepsia, heart-burn, sour stomach and belching of gas. Kodol contains the same juices found in a healthy stomach. Kodol is pleasant to take. It is guaranteed to give relief and is sold here by W. B. Winkler.

Easter is Coming

very quickly, but there is still time for you to secure

That New Furniture!

¶We are especially well prepared to make the promptest kind of deliveries!

¶Of course amid such a collection of handsome FURNITURE it may be a little difficult to make a choice, but whatever you select will be found right in every particular!

¶Wouldn't to-day be a good time to make your choice?

¶If you want an Ice Cream Freezer, Kitchen Safe, (either wire or tin front), Refrigerator, Moquito-Bars, or anything in the FURNITURE or CROCKERY line, This is the Place to Buy!

¶If it's comfort you want get an Ordway Base Rocker They are very attractive and unique!

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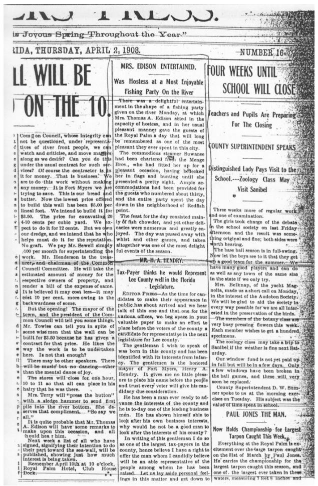

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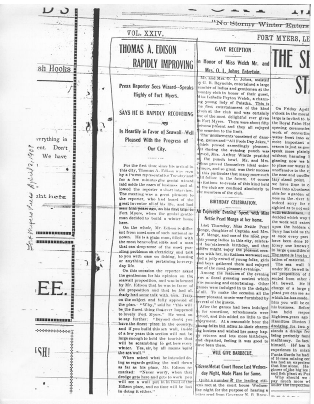

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Press Reporter Sees Wizard--Speaks Highly of Fort Myers.

SAYS HE IS RAPIDLY RECOVERING

Is Heartily in Favor of Seawall--Well Pleased With the Progress of Our City.

For the first time since his arrival in this city, Thomas A. Edison was seen by a PRESS representative Tuesday and for a few minutes the genial wizard laid aside the cares of business and allowed the reporter a short interview. The meeting was a great pleasure to the reporter, who had heard of the great inventor all of his life, and had seen him years ago, on his first trip to Fort Myers, when the genial gentleman decided to build a winter home here.

On the whole, Mr. Edison is different from most men of such national renown. He is a plain man, filled with the most benevolent ideas and a man that can drop some of the most puzzling problems on electricity and talk to you with ease on fishing, hunting or anything else pertaining to everyday life.

On this occasion the reporter asked the gentleman for his opinion on the seawall proposition, and was informed by Mr. Edison that he was in favor of the proposition and that he had already had some talk with Gen. Terry on the subject and fully approved of the plan. "Why," said he "this will be the finest thing that ever happened to lovely Fort Myers." He went on to say further: "Beyond doubt you have the finest place in the country, and if you build this sea wall, inside of a few years this section will not be large enough to hold the tourists that will be scrambling to get here every winter. Yes, sir, by all means build the sea wall."

When asked what he intended doing as regards getting the wall down as far as his place, Mr. Edison remarked: "Never worry, when that dredge gets here and gets to work you will see a wall put in in front of the Edison place, and no time will be lost in doing it either."

GAVE RECEPTION

In Honor of Miss Welch Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Johns Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Johns, assisted by G. B. Reynolds, entertained a large number of ladies and gentlemen at the country club in honor of their guest, Miss Isabelle Peyton Welch, a charming young lady of Palatka. This is the first entertainment of the kind given at the club and was certainly one of the most delightful ever given in Fort Myers. There were about fifty persons present and they all enjoyed the occasion to the limit.

The amusements consisted of dancing, games and "All Fools Day Jokes," which proved exceedingly pleasant. All during the evening punch was served, Mrs. Arthur Wintle presided at the punch bowl. Mr. and Mrs. Johns proved themselves ideal entertainers, and so great was their success in this particular that many more such will follow in the future. Of course invitations to events of this kind held at the club are confined absolutely to the members of the club.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

An Enjoyable Evening Spent with Miss Nettie Pearl Menge at her home.

Last Thursday, Miss Nettie Pearl Menge, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. F. Menge, and one of the most popular young ladies in this city, celebrated her sixteenth birthday, and that others might enjoy the pleasaat occasion with her, invitations were sent out and a jolly crowd of young folks, girls and boys gathered there and enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings.

Among the features of the evening was a floral guessing contest which was amusing and entertaining. Other games were indulged in to the delight of all. To make the occasion all the more pleasant music was furnished by several of the guests.

After the games had been indulged in for sometime, refreshments were served, and this added no little to the enjoyment. At a reasonable hour the young folks bid adieu to their charming hostess and wished her many happy returns and lots more birthdays, and departed, feeling it was good to have been there.

WILL GIVE BARBECUE.

Citizens Met at Court House Last Wednesday Night, Made Plans for Same.

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is no estimating the value this ment will be to Fort Myers, General Terry, the man who n his time and money to start ement, and carried it to such a completion, we certainly owe a gratitude that can never be THE PRESS rises to extend a thanks to this energetic man, ds fail us, for his is a work that eyond words of thanks. But l fall in line and show our ap- on by doing our level best to ıe project through. The city has shown its desire to do all) promote the interests of the o them we say, gentlemen you erformed well your part, and never have cause to regret it. can be truly said of the ncil, and that is, that they .. been found ready to do any- r the advancement of the city.

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ING LIKE THAT DOWN HERE.

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'RESS remarked a week or two . the tarpon on the East coast, ny other things, are awfully ıt down here on the southwest are doing their duty, and .e in the history of the sport ey been so energetic in taking of the angler. And, too, the t are now biting are big, fine Last week, Mr. Paul Jones, ville, Ky., took a tarpon, that

of teachers we have now to longer force them to attempt to instruct our children in such quarters.

The matter of cost, or rather amount desired to expend on such a building seems to be the main point of argument now, but it is our opinion that when a building is erected it should be one that will be suitable for several years to come. There is no use in erecting a building that will have to be enlarged in the course of a year or two. The attendance is bound to increase and if a structure adequate for the needs is erected, many more pupils from other parts of the county, and even from other counties will be sure to come here, besides our natural increase is getting to be something of which we must take notice.

The city should look well into this matter and it is our hope that at the next meeting of the council an election will be ordered bonding the town to meet this new demand. We are of the opinion that a large majority of voters will declare in favor of the scheme. The council is heartily in favor of doing something we believe, and we shall look forward with great hopes to the next meeting.

A seawall is what we need and it now is an assured fact that we are going to have it.

The quarantine against Cuba has gone into effect. Those wishing to visit the island would do well to bear this in mind.

Thomas A. Edison says he will certainly have a seawall down his way when the dredge gets to work. He is heartily in favor of the improvement.

With Governor Broward in the race for the U. S. senate, there will be some lively times before the campaign is over. With his record behind him as Governor it is a cinch that he will have a strong support.

In reducing the passenger fare over its lines, the Atlantic Coast Line has done an act that will be appreciated by the public. In parties of ten or more you can now ride for 2 cents per mile. The regular fare for any one passenger is 2½ cents. This will certainly bring this road in considerably more traffic. If a similar reduction could be made in freight rates Florida would undoubtedly be an ideal place to live.

That Governor Broward made a serious mistake in ignoring the recommendations of the Hillsboro County Democratic Executive committe in the appointment of county vacancies, cannot be denied. There is a certain amount of courtesy due the committees of every county, and when an official attempts to override them, he will naturally meet with strong condemnation. While a governor may be a very wise man it is not supposed that he knows more what the needs of a county are than the people who live there, and for years have helped in the development of said county.

A Twenty Year Sentence.

Warehouse Erected.

Among the many improvements now going on in the city may be mentioned the fine large warehouse being erected by R. A. Henderson at the rear of his immense building. The work is being done under the supervision of M. S. Gonzalez, and will be quite an addition when completed.

The building will be 30x60 feet, two stories high, the lower part to be used as a warehouse, while the upper story will be a large hall. It is not known to the reporter just what this hall will be used for, but if Mr. Henderson were to convert it into a public hall he would certainly confer a great favor on the town.

Mr. Henderson already has a big warehouse at the depot, but his business has increased to such an extent that he is forced to erect this building to accommodate the large stock he is forced to carry. We are pleased to note the increase in his line and hope he may be compelled to enlarge in the near future.

FORT DENAUD.

APRIL 6, 1908.

Miss Fannie Daniels and brother, Master Robert, returned home on the steamer, Thomas A. Edison, Friday, after a week's stay in Fort Myers.

M. J. O. Travers after a short visit, left for home, Tuesday.

E. J. Blount is irrigating the O'Neill grove this week.

G. S. Henderson and family returned to their home at Arcadia, Thursday.

Wm. Daniels was called to Fort Myers Thursday, to the bedside of his invalid wife.

Mrs. W. H. Hilliard visited here Thursday.

Mrs. Amanda Baxter and daughter, Miss Lula, are home after a fortnight's visit to son and daughter at Fort Simmons.

Larrie Williams, of Survey, returned home Monday, after a short stay with the Crews boys.

D. C. Hiers made a business trip to Fort Myers, Wednesday.

C. D. Hawkins is expected to be here Monday with his packing crew to pick and pack the fruit of W. L. Murray.

J. N. Crews has moved into the Henderson house and will look after the grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dyess, of Fort Simmons, are the guests of the mother, Mrs. Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whidden spent Sunday at Nick hammock.

Lee Clark and Lonnie Howard are out for a 'gator hunt. Also, J. H. Dyess and Henry Whidden.

THE PRESS correspondent is anticipating a trip down to Estero to be absent for two or three weeks, and the correspondence will be conducted by a friend until his return.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Mr. Thos. Stenton, postmaster of Pontypool, Ont., writes: "For the past eight years I suffered from rheu-

he would 'go in person, accompanied by competent engineers, and make an inspection of the Everglade region to be drained and also the work already done. After a thorough investigation if he finds the scheme, in his judgment, is a good business proposition, he will continue the work and push it to completion. On the other hand, if he finds that it will not be a business proposition to continue, that is if it is a losing game, then he will abandon the drainage work.' This declaration when considered in connection with Broward's oft proclaimed theory that the drainage of the Everglades is not only feasible but will result in redeeming millions of acres of arable soil of the most valuable quality and adding vastly to the wealth of Florida, may be considered as being important to the people of the entire State. It means in substance that the people of Florida are to be taxed for a survey if Mr. Stockton is sincere when he uses the words "thorough investigation."

Plenty of Trouble

is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels. To get rid of it and headache and biliousness and the poison that brings jaundice, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or griping. 25c at all druggists.

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Livery Stable.

First-Class Teams Furnished.
Driving and Saddle Horses.
Teams for Hunting Parties.
All Kinds of Hauling Done.

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Enters Here, "'Tis Joyous Spring Throughout the Year."

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JOYABLE CELEBRATION

nd Reception Given At The Famous Shultz Hotel

B. HOGG DOES THE HONORS

ebrates His Seventy-Fourth Birthday In A Right Royal Manner--Banquet Tendered Friends

s is his custom each year, Mr. C. B.
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A LARGE CROWD WAS PRESENT

Merchants Close Stores to Witness Ceremonies.-Hammer Presented to the City.

The large crowd that assembled at the Royal Palm dock last Friday went to show that Fort Myers is wide awake to the importance of erecting a sea wall. Everything had been arranged systematically, and the ceremonies passed off in a most satisfactory manner. Time will develop the scheme as rapidly as possible.

The formal ceremony of beginning the work on the seawall was initiated by the firing of seven shots from the cannon of the yacht, Whim, owned by Mrs. M. O. Terry. This was at 10 o'clock. In the meantime, Mr. Sewell was getting his derrick in shape so as to place the first pile in position for Mrs. Terry to deliver the first stroke with a sledge hammer. This she did by walking out on a gang plank. General Terry then made a few remarks about as follows:

To-day marks a turn in the dial of time which will surely convert a quiet old town into a city of energy and beauty. It will insure under your excellent municipal management good health in the future, as well as forestall the ravages of a disastrous epidemic, which would not only bring affliction upon happy firesides, but turn from your shores the tourists upon whom you depend for growth, prosperity, encouragement and the enhancement of values of everything pertaining to business enterprise.

The public demonstration which greets the movers of this work so important to every person interested in the town bespeaks much, for it is just such encouragement which adds good cheer to the feverish brow of the anxious, and sends him onward to cope with and complete the arduous task which means so much to all.

The work is to be done on lines of the strictest economy. Each property owner will have a bill rendered for the work which has been performed on his river front. He will pay no profits. His fellow townsmen have donated their best judgment, and used their greatest influence so that everything could be purchased at dealers' prices,

Every citizen feels how much the seawall means for the future of the development and health of the town.

As a result of the vigorous backing of the seawall proposition by the common council, Mrs. Terry has concluded to maka the enlargement of the hotel, which in the unsanitary condition of the town caused her to hesitate one year ago. The hotel has had a most prosperous season. Never before were so many fine people at the Royal Palm and the universal opinion has been that Mr. and Mrs. Abbott know how to please their patrons. It has been said that the table was unexcelled in Florida.

The swimming pool has been largely patronized. Mr. Taylor will have charge of it, and those desiring the privileges can bathe by paying the usual fee to him.

Mrs. Terry will also erect a new fence in front of the hotel, so the next season will open with many improvements.

The 14 new rooms, sun-parlor and music-room, and the 8-rooms with baths made out of the bowling-alley and billiard-room will add much to the comfort of the patrons. All of these changes with the beauty of a seawall front with its filling in, and the flowers and the tropical trees added on the new soil, will produce a wonderful change.

LANDED FINE TARPON.

W. Ashby Jones Has the Record for Largest Fish Caught this Season.

The tarpon record is something amazing this season. Some of the finest fish that have ever been taken in the Caloosahatchee have been caught, but it has so far fallen to the lot of W. Ashby Jones to catch the largest of them all. Tuesday afternoon, down near the Dean place, he got one measuring 7 feet, 2 inches, and weighing 180 pounds. Our reporter had the pleasure of viewing this monster just a short time after it had been taken, and it was a beauty.

The fish took about two hours to land and then the gentleman who got him had to run into shoal water in order to capture the big fellow. This makes the handsome number of fifteen taken by Mr. Jones this season, and if he keeps on he will not only have the record for the largest one caught, but will also carry off the palm for the greatest number of tarpon landed.

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This fine fish was sent to Ike Shaw & Co., to be mounted, when it will become the property of E. L. Evans, Mr. Jones having presented same to that gentleman. Of course, Ed is very

GRANDEST RECEPTION GIVEN THIS SEASON

Country Club House the Scene of a Most Brilliant Reception.

KORESHAN BAND IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough Host and Hostess---Did Beautifully Honors On Occasion.

The grandest and most enjoyable reception given this season was tendered by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yarbrough to their numerous friends at the Country Club on the evening of Tuesday April 14th. The occasion will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be there, for it was given in a manner that could not help but delight and the genial host and hostess had left nothing undone to conserve to the happiness of the large number who responded to the cordial invitations sent out. Possibly it was the largest assembly of the kind that has yet been seen at the beautiful resort erected by the people of this section.

At an early hour guests begun to arrive and by nine o'clock the club house was filled with a gay assemblage of brave men and fair women, all bent on having a royal good time, and they had it to their heart's content. Upon arrival at the club house the guests were cordially received by Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough, who were assisted by Mrs. R. I. O. Travers in receiving. They were then escorted to the large and spacious verandas where they could enjoy the cooling breezes and indulge in the happy conversation that seemed to be the general order.

From eight to ten dancing was indulged in and this part of the program was simply charming, for the music was grand and the participants were evidently in the mood for tripping the light fantastic toe, and with such music as was rendered the task of keeping still was indeed a difficult one. Those who did not wish ro dance had the pleasure of playing whist, which was one of the pleasant amusements. For two hours this kind of amusement was kept up, when tables were arranged and a most delicious repast, consisting of sandwiches, chocolate, coffee, tea, etc., followed by ice cream, cake, candy and other delicacies, including fruit, were served. The refreshments had been delight-

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Let us to a man, and with the blessings of each happy fireside resting upon your efforts unite, and by every way possible, and without cessation do our duty.

He then introduced the following speakers, who spoke enthusiastically and hopefully in regard to the future of Fort Myers after the seawall was an accomplished fact. All recognized that the seawall was to be built beyond question. The mayor was given the sledge hammer in the name of the city as an historical memento. He said:

"Ladies and gentlemen you all know the importance of a seawall along our river front. It is useless for me to make a speech, but on behalf of the city, I accept this hammer in the spirit it is given" Mayor Hendry then went on to urge the citizens to work together in building a sea wall.

Mr. Towles, as chairman of the common council, spoke felicitously sanctioning the sanitary measure in no questionable terms.

Mr. Ruhl in an eloquent off-hand speech spoke most interestingly urging all the citizens of Fort Myers to lend their every hand to assist this project which meant so much for the future of the town.

Mr. Casswell spoke to the point also.

Prof. Thomas A. Edison, who does not pretend to oratory, was given three rousing cheers.

The young boys were then told they could have a free plunge. About a dozen of them immediately jumped into the sulphur swimming pool without the ceremony of a bathing-suit or change of garment. It was certainly amusing to witness their antics.

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Miss Welch Lands a Tarpon.

Friday, Miss Isabel Peyton Welch, the charming guest of Mr. Frank Hibble and Mrs. Oscar Johns, accompanied by Mr. Hibble, went out on the river for a tarpon. After some time she succeeded in hooking a fine fellow, 6 feet, 3 inches and weighing 145 lbs. The young lady showed great skill in playing the "silver king," and in 45 minutes had him landed. Miss Welch is naturally elated over her good fortune, and well she may be, for she has accomplished a feat that but few ladies could have done and not many men are doing, as this is the largest fish caught by a lady this season.

A Jolly Party.

Monday night W. W. Stone took a jolly party down the river in his handsome launch. The party were out for a fishing frolic and succeeded in landing a big, fine jew-fish, weighing over 200 pounds. Besides the fishing they had a fine time and all were loud in their praise of the enjoyable event. Those in the party were Mrs. J. E. Foxworthy, Miss Park, Mr. Stone, Rev. and Mrs. Bridges, Rev. William McLeod and Fred Hendry. The affair was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Bridges, and to say the least, was a most pleasant one.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm hearted wish of the writer to be of use to some one else. This remedy is for sale by B. P. Matheson and all druggists.

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To add to the pleasure of the evening the Koreshan Orchestra had been engaged for the occasion and the music rendered by them was grand. The selections were of the highest class and were rendered in a most pleasing mannar. In addition to the dance music this orchestra had prepared a progrum of classical music which was received by the guests with delight. The musical program was as follows:

1. Overture, "Poet and Peasaut," Fr. von Suppe
2. Cornet Solo, "Love Me and the World is Mine," Ernest Ball
H. B. Boomer and Band
3. Descriptive, "Clock Store," Chas. J. Orth.
4. Selection, "Bohemian Girl," Balfe
5. Trombone Solo, "Dearie," Clare Crummer
Wilton H. Hoyt and Band.
6. Caprice, "Idle Hours," Wm. F. Kretschmer.

During the evening the host distributed souvenir fans among the guests, especially were they appreciated by the ladies. There was nothing lacking to make this one of the most brilliant and enjoyable receptions that has ever been given in this city, and as the midnight hour arrived the guests begun making their departure, not however, until the hospitable host and hostess had been made aware of the fact that they had been made exceedingly happy by the events of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough are among the most pleasant entertainers in the city and on this occasion they fairly outdid themselves and those who were there willingly declared this to be among the most enjoyable receptions they had ever attended.

Chamberlain's Has the Preference.

Fred. C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a larger profit, but this remedy is sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by B. P. Matheson and all druggists.

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	Stewart
Queen of Fairies	Clara Hendry
Special Attendants to Queen	"Thalia," Mary Odom, "Vivan," Thelma Sanchez "Florianus," Margaret Foxworthy "Sylvan," Anna Francis Shouts "Constantine," Lorena Stout "Starlight," Elizabeth Summerlin
Fairy Attendants	Lila Bomar, Ella Bigelow, Valeria Lofton, Anna May Sikes, Hollie Reaves, Grace Henley, Frances Capling, Clara McDougael, Edith West, Lelia Summerlin, Madeline Wade, Blanche Alexander.
Narcissus the Hunter	Charlie Bigelow
Hunter's Attendants	Pat Dillard, Carl Funck, Carl Pool, Frank Brown
Echo	Ethel Bartlett
The Picnic Party	Andrew Bates, Evelyn Swain, Middie Wilkison, Unia Bates, Laura Stewart, Ruth Jernigan, Myrtle Jack, Hattie Brown, Anna Belle Hand, Myrtle Damon, Theresa Armeda, Ollie Stevens, Nora Wilkison, Almeda Youmans
Jolly Imps	Frank Stout, Wilson Hendry, Bill Tyner, Paul Bylaski Charlie Gonzalez, Ottis Funck, Mervin Russell, Broodie Langford, Marion Hendry, Albert Wheeler
Mother Goose Kingdom	Mother Goose, Ruth Ruhf
Little Maids	Verdie Langford, Zelma Lofton, Roberta Leathlean
Tom Piper's Son	Charles Capling
Taffy the Welchman,	Lawrence Washburn
Mr. Spratt	Lawrence Cooper
Mrs. Spratt	Elvie Hand
Jack Horner	Claud Reaves
Jack and Jill,	Frank Bomar, Sterling Cannon
Little Boy Blue	Arthur Osterhoudt
Little Bo Peep	Laura Stewart
Mistress Mary	Fayeline Dillard
Maids,	Lelia Pool, Anna Belle Maywald, Myra Hadden

The High School chapel was filled with an expectant audience on Thursday afternoon to witness the closing exercises of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The program consisted of two parts: The first was a scene from the famous Virginia Assembly of 1775. About twelve of the boys took the part of members. They were dressed in the costumes of the Virginia gentlemen of colonial times. As Speaker of the House, Clyde Langford called the assembly to order, and James Sykes opened with an argument in favor of the crown. He represented Maynard Hallern, the gentleman from Culpeper county, who made the address to which Patrick Henry replied in the historical debate of '75. Jacob Osterhoudt, as Patrick Henry, followed. He had the famous speech well learned and delivered it well. The other two speakers, Howard Walker and Nicholas Osterhoudt, speaking for and against the crown during the interruption in Patrick Henry's address, spoke well and gave a dramatic air to the scene. The little play was a very pleasing one and the audience liked it very well.

The play that made up the second part of the program was historical in character also. It was entitled "The Headless Horseman," and was based on Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Ichabod Crane's school-room was shown in the first scene, while the second showed Ichabod at the quilting

a splendid address. The negative was ably defended by R. A. Henderson, Jr., who put up a strong appeal. The judges, Messrs. W. W. Stone, W. J. Odom and Dr. L. M. Martin, after some delay, awarded the decision to the negative, and a laurel wreath was presented to Mr. Henderson. Thus the exercises were closed.

It is with no small degree of pride that THE PRESS calls attention to the fact that the Lee County High School has an excellent faculty, and every one is indeed sorry that Miss Bird will not come back next year, but with that exception it is understood that the same faculty will be in charge. The The school has done nobly, and to all of the teachers we lift our hats, and wish to be placed on record as in favor of putting them in their same places next year.

The following is the program of the exercises Friday night:

Opening Song.

Address	W. L. Osterhoudt
Essay	Juliet Odom
Solo	Lillie Washburn
Essay	Julia Park
Class Poet	Katie Jeffcott
Song	High School
Essay	Johnet Odom
Essay	Bertha Beers
Song	
Recitation Contest	Ruby Allen, Edna Ireland, Louise Park, Eunice Maywald, May Pearl Welch

Debate—Resolved, that the white race have made a mistake in giving their civilization to the Asiatics or Mongolians—Affirmative, Harry Hendry; Negative, R. A. Henderson, Jr

Awarding of Medals.

Have Returned Home.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Edison and family took their departure for their home in Orange, N. J. During their short stay here this family have greatly enjoyed themselves, and as Mr. Edison said himself, "only a few days after arrival they all felt fine." Fort Myers is proud to number this distinguished family among its residents, but hopes next season they will come down earlier and stay longer. Before leaving, however, Mr. Edison left orders for many improvements to be made to his already lovely place. Those will be taken up in due course of time. While here Mr. and Mrs. Edison gave several receptions and river parties and were great factors in promoting the pleasures of the past season.

Lumber in Car Load Lots.

Those desiring to buy lumber in car load lots, should call on me. I can sell cheaper than anyone, and save you money. Lumber delivered at Fort Myers. 4-30tf C. F. ROBERTS.

W. C. T. U. Meeting At Alva.

Alva W. C. T. U. will meet at Alva Methodist Church, Friday, May 1st, at 3 o'clock p. m. Meeting will be led by Mrs. Elmer. Subject: Scientific Temperance Instruction.

MRS. BONNIWELL, Rec. Sec'y.

not believe they did. With such a crowd the ladies certainly did finely. When the hour for dinner arrived there was a rush for the tables, but it took but a short time to get everybody satisfied, and for a couple of hours this part of the program was carried out to perfection.

COL. HENDRY TALKS.

Gives Some Points as to Grounds Upon Which he Enters Race.

FELLOW CITIYENS OF LEE COUNTY:

In addressing myself to you I take this method, because it is an absolute impossibility for me to visit each of you personally. I therefore beg that you will accept this in lieu of a personal conference, and consider the same as a friendly talk with each individual. In coming before you, I do so with confidence. Our county is now, at this particular time, on the eve of the most wonderful growth and development.

We could cite you to the drainage and reclamation of the Everglades, as one of the certainties. We could direct your attention to the rapid growth and development of Boca Grande, already a railroad terminus. You all know that we have there one of the best harbors on the West coast, with a channel of 30 or 31 feet. We could have you follow us on toward Cape Sable with the wonderful improvements along the coast, and could say truly, that for health and recreation, it surpasses any section of Florida—a health resort itself. We could bid you consider the rich Valley of the Caloosahatcee teeming with its golden fruit, and alive with agricultural pursuits.

We could call your attention to a hundred different things in our county that points with unerring hand to its great future; and could dilate upon these things forever, and yet not tell you of all the attractions of this grand old county of Lee; but space and time forbids.

My friends, my heart is in this county. I love this county and her people. Her glory is my glory, and I here pledge you my word that if you see fit to send me to Tallahassee to represent you there, that I will be found always in the foremost ranks, battling for our county and her interests. If perchance I should err in any one thing, and we must not forget "errere est humanna" (that all humanity errs,) then I know that you will be charitable enough to say, "It was of the head, not of the heart," for so it will surely be.

If elected, I shall do my duty as I see it, having ever before me the interests of our county. I shall, if possible, try and have such laws enacted as will encourage and protect the laboring man, the bone and sinew of our land, and in whatever line my duties then present I shall do my whole duty to you, to myself, to our county and to my God, as to me seems right and to he best of my ability. Now friends I twill thank you for your support.

Respectfully yours,

LOUIS A. HENDRY.

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[illegible] should call on [illegible] chance to get one [illegible] new residences [illegible] there this sum- [illegible] the lots will be in [illegible] Take this as a [illegible] and see them and get [illegible] while there is still a [illegible] a good one.

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[illegible] Elsewhere in this issue will be found a description of this section, which is destined to be one of the grandest countries as soon as the transpoatation facilities are improved.

—WANTED:—Bids for erecting a small dwelling and barn at Estero. For particulars, see

4-16tf H. E. Heitman.

—If any town in Florida is blessed with noble women it is certainly Fort Myers. Tuesday at the celebration or rally they certainly did well their parts and spread a feast that was fit for the gods. The Press rises and raises its hat to these grand governors of the home, and in behalf of the entire county and the visitors extend to them a vote of thanks and says three cheers for the ladies of Fort Myers. There are none better on earth.

—A deal is on foot, though not yet consummated, and should it go through one of the largest irrigating plants in the southern portion of this state will be installed on the premises of Thos. A. Edison. T. H. Parry, of Bartow, representing the Cameron & Barkley Co., of Charleston, S. C., who spent the first of the week in the city, is the man who is figuring with Mr. Edison. It will take 13,000 feet of piping to complete the contract. This is indeed a large contract, but will give Mr. Edison a fine irrigating system.

—Extension rods, drapery pins, ceiling hooks, bed casters, matting tacks, screw eyes, picture cord and oak curtain poles at Cox & Reaves.

—Miss Bird, who for the past year has been one of the efficient teachers in the public school, having finished her duties, departed Sunday for her home at Athens, Ga. Miss Bird was one of the most conscientious teachers ever employed in the school and it is a source of regret to everyone that she will not come back next year, but she has declined the position as it takes her too far away from home. With deep regret The Presss notes that she will not again be here. But her friends wish her a safe arrival home and trust she may some day wander back here again.

—The "good old summer time" is here, but it is not effecting business to any great extent. There are several houses in course of construction, and

But buy summer [illegible]

It is a Known Fact

Everybody in Fort Myers an
knows by this time that C.
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I. B. Adams, hence we are
telling you about it, and
instead that we have the

Staple and Fancy Groceries
Hay and Grain,
Fruits, Vegetables, Candies

ever brought to the city.
your order and deliver th
sell at the Lowest Price, f

Spot Cash Only!

CALL AND SEE

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C. B.
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HUNTER BRYANT, Manager.

Why not own your own

Buy a Lot! Build a House!

I Have 25 Lots in Towles'
205 Lots in Evans' A
34 Lots in Evans' S
9 Lots in Johnson's
15 Lots in Cohen's

To select from. Come before ch

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No Stormy Winter Enters Here, 'Tis Joyous Spring Throughout

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AN AFFAIR MOST BRILLIANT WAS THIS

Mrs. E. L. Evans an Artist in Musical Affairs.

ROYAL PALM ORCHESTRA FINE.

Prof. Turner a Good Organizer. Mr. Edw. L. Evans in Role of Master of Ceremonies.

It was a brilliant assemblage which attended the Fort Myers Yacht and Country Club musicale at the Hotel Royal Palm music room February 5th, 1909. The affair had the touch of informality about it, which made it all the more enjoyable and lent the air of hospitality, for which the Country Club is noted. The program which was in charge of Mrs. M. O. Terry, Mrs. E. L. Evans and J. A. Turner jr., was thoroughly enjoyed and rendered as it was in the perfectly appointed music room of the Royal Palm, than which we think there is none bette[illegible]he south, and the palms and roses—[illegible]eemed perfectly ideal.

The opening number, a trio by Wider, for violin, violincello and piano, was rendered in a most charming and artistic manner by Misses McDonald and Miss Mack. These young artists are thoroughly sympathetic and the ensemble is full and round and the tone warm and clear. They gave also "Heartsease" later on the program and received a hearty encore. The violin numbers "Hungarian Rhapsody," by Houser, and "Legende" by Wieniawski, were beautifully rendered by Mr. J. A. Turner, jr. His technic in Rhapsody was little short of marvellous and the musical breadth of idea shown in "Legende" truly places him among the artists. He received an ovation and responded to the encore with the "Adoration" of Borowski. Much credit is due Mr. Turner for arranging the musicale and bringing it to so successful an issue. The Country Club is deeply indebted to him for his good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger, of Illinois, showed themselves to be thorough musicians and highly enjoyable ones in their rendition of Edgar Smith's "Ranchero." Mrs. Burger has a soprano voice of round full quality, beautiful timbre and when used in a manner such as Mrs. Burger does, it makes an in[illegible]nent which reaches the heart. Mr. [illegible]er is a scholarly gentleman and musician and was much enjoyed.

Miss Mack, a charming young lady of Boston, Mass., very gracefully and effectively sang "Who'll buy my lavender" and "My dreams" of Foste. Miss Mack's music, which was wired for, failed to arrive in time, and she very charmingly played her own ac-

ENTERTAINED AT DOMINOES

Lady Guests of the Hill House Given Unique Reception Last Week.

One of the most pleasant and unique receptions that have been given this season was the "Progressive Domino Party," tendered by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Johnston, two charming guests of the Hill House, to the other lady guests of the house on February 4th, last

The game was exciting from start to finish, the ladies playing with a vim that characterized them as determined that the one should outdo the other. For some time the contest was waged, the pleasure begining at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until 5:00. At the close of the game delicious refreshments were served, which made a most delightful ending to an exceptionally enjoyable afternoon.

Those present were: Mesdames Fieldbach, Brown, Elston, Hemphill, Wright, Johnston, Perry, Palmer, Shaw, Briggs, Pittard, and Misses Pitzer and Welch.

MISS NEAL WILL COME

Noted Temperence Woman Will Be Here Monday Afternoon and Give Lecture.

Monday afternoon, Feb. 15th, at 3:00 o'clock there will be a lecture at the Methodist church by Miss M. E. Neal state president of the W. C. T. U., with headquarters at Jacksonville. She will come here at the invitation of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. of this city.

Miss Neal is a gifted talker and a hard worker in the cause of temperence and she has been all over the state giving lectures and at every place has met a cordial reception. The ladies of the church here extend an invitation to the public to be present and hear this gifted lady talk.

USEPPA INN GIVES GRAND ENTERTAINMENT TO THEIR FRIENDS

The Useppa Inn entertained the guests and their friends on Tuesday evening February 2nd.

On this evening occured one of the most brilliant events of the season when the guests of Useppa and their friends from neighboring towns, passed the evening playing prize progressive euchre and dancing. The spacious inside dining room was cleared for the dance and the dancing was participated in by all until the wee hours of the night. Refreshments were served and greatly enjoyed by all, for which Useppa Inn is famous throughout the southwest coast. After having spent a most enjoyable evening they departed at a late hour, all expressing the wish that they might soon meet again on another delightful occasion such as this.

More gaiety is on the cards for the next few months at Useppa Island Inn.

From a party participating.

The following is a list of guests at Useppa Inn: Mrs. J. M. Roach, Mas-

"LET THERE BE LIGHT."

So Say the Managers of the Seminole Power and Light Company.

LIGHTS TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED

Five Arc Lights to be Placed on the Main Streets of the City--Will be in Use In Ten Days.

While Fort Myers is going forward the Seminole Power and Ice Company do not propose to remain behind, and have therefore made a proposition to the city, which has been accepted and the work is under way, whereby the lighting facilities of the city will be greatly increased and improved.

The plan as laid down is certainly a good one, and we commend the city council for promptly accepting same, and at the same time we must certainly praise the Seminole Power and Ice Co. for the spirit of enterprise they have displayed in thus making such a proposition. It means that the lighting capacity of the city will be enhanced at least a hundred per cent.

While there has been no complaint gone up on account of the lights, at the same time an improvement is always welcomed, and no one will dispute that the proposition laid down is a great improvement. We have been informed by Mr Gardner, manager of the light plant, that the improvements proposed will be in and working inside of ten days, if no unforseen accident happens. It means that at the corner of the First National Bank, in front of the store of R. A. Henderson, at the Heitman corner, and in the middle of the Bradford block, also at the Roberts' corner, there will be a 2,000 candle power arc placed, to take the place of the incandescent lights now there. And this, too, at no cost to the city except for the material and nothing more. Below we give the proposition as made and accepted:

FORT MYRRS, FLA., Feb. 5, 1909.

Fort Myers City Council, Neighbors and Dear Sirs:

Wishing to help you advance the interests of our town as much as possible we make you the following suggestions toward which we are willing to do our part and which we believe will be very much of a betterment.

At no additional current expense to the city for the year, we suggest to place a 2,000 candle street arc lamp at Henderson's corner, one at the First National Bank corner, one at the Heitman corner, one half-way between the last two, and one at the Roberts and Hill corner, five lamps in all, same to be fed from the transformer at the First National Bank corner, and also to be controlled by a switch in care of the marshal. Lamps to be used on dark nights and all night in winter, and until midnight in summer. The incandescents in this section to be taken down.

The city to allow us to draw on them for the cost of these lamps, six in number, one to be held in reserve. Also,

MEN DROWMED IN GULF

Five Went Out But Only Two Ever Came Back Alive.

SMALL SAIL BOAT WAS CAPSIZED.

Unfortunate Victims Warned Not To Go on Trip--Gloom Cast Over Community.

The following special message reached us from Naples Wednesday, which tells of a most deplorable accident, as follows:

FORT MYERS, FLA., Feb. 10, '09.

One of the saddest catastrophes in the annals of the west coast of Florida was chronicled to-day when news was received here from Naples, Fla., of the loss out in the Gulf of Mexico of the lives of Charles G. Wicker and Ray Hackney, both of Chicago, Ill., and William Phillips, of Naples, Fla.

Wicker was passionately fond of sailing, and organized a party to go out on the Gulf yesterday morning. He was repeatedly warned of the danger of going out in a stiff south-east wind, which prevailed at the time, his friends fearing the sail-boat of the guide, Wm. Phillips, was not large enough, nor sea-worthy. Mr. Wicker assured his advisers that he knew how to handle a sail-boat and they need have no apprehension, and he finally agreed not to go far from the shore. With him were Capt. Oliver H. Dockery, of the 25th Infantry of the U. S. Army, Ray Hackney, Dr. Herbert Caldwell, of Louisville, Ky., and Guide Phillips.

An hour or two after the party left the dock, the boat capsized. The story told by the survivors is one of thrilling heroism. It was about one mile from the shore and four or five miles south of the dock, when the boat capsized. After floating about on the side of the over-turned sloop for a short time, Ray Hackney, who is the son of Henry C. Hackney, a banker of 234 La Salle st., Chicago, bravely volunteered to swim ashore on a broken spar to secure succor for his fellows in a desperate state. The tide was running ont, and though the beach has been patrolled with men and boat for miles above and below the scene of the accident, nothing has been found of the courageous young man. A broken spar was picked up about two miles from where the boat capsized, and the remnants of the lunch of the party was found on the beach with the spar, and there appears to be no doubt but that he is lost. Boats are still out looking for him.

Dockery, Caldwell, Wicker and Phillips clung to the capsized boat all day Tuesday, being too far out to sea to attract attention. Apprehension was not felt by Mrs. Wicker and her friends at Naples because her husband had told her not to become alarmed if the party did not return at sun down.

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General Terry Back.

General M. O. Terry has returned from an important business trip to New York. He says it was pretty cold up there, and he was eager to return to Florida sunshine. On his return he stopped over in Washington, and had a long talk with Congressman Sparkman. General Terry says in next week's issue of THE PRESS he will tell the people something that will indeed prove pleasant. He is getting together data now. We are pleased to see him back, and to know he enjoyed his trip.

Thomas A. Edison Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, children and maids arrived to-day noon, and with a party of friends, are now comfortably domiciled in their elegant home on Riverside avenue. As the great wizard stepped from the train he came in contact with Mayor Hendry, who happened to be there and began his praise of Fort Myers thusly: "Mr. Mayor, I want to say you have certainly improved your beautiful little city in many ways, which is pleasant to me, but the biggest improvement is in voting whisky out. You have done a good work, which will redound to your honor."

Baptist Services.

Two important services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. I have my commission from the Board for 1909 and have some important things to say to the members at the morning service. You are wanted very much at this service. Morning subject, "The little giver;" evening, "A great work." I assure you I have a message for you. Special music at each service.

Miss Edna Hart, the violinist who has been heard with delight recently, will play at each service. Mr. and Mrs. Berger, of Chicago, Ill., and who had charge of the music in one of our largest churches there for years, will sing at the evening service. You will miss a rare treat if you fail to hear them.

E. K. SHULTS, Pastor.

Baptist Social.

The ladies of the Baptist Missionary and Aid Society will give a reception and social at the church on Thursday evening, Feb. 25th ; hours 7:30 to 9:00. The object is purely social. We desire to know each other and our friends better, and take this method of becoming better acquainted All members of the congregation are invited and expected, irrespective of church membership or place of residence. A program for your further entertainment is being arranged, and light refreshments will be served.

This is for love's sake—no charge, no offering. Come and spend the evening with us. We will miss you if you are not there.

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LAST WEEK OF FAIR.

The management of the State Fair expects to make the last week of the exposition, beginning February 22, the most notable in many respects. The Fair thus far has been marked by excellent attendance, thoroughly successful events, the best horse-racing ever seen in the South, and the general absence of complaint. Bryan Day, the second day of the fair, broke all state fair records for attendance up to that time, but Educational Day, February 12, exceeded the Bryan Day crowd nearly two to one, and set a new mark for fair crowds in Florida. On Educational Day the management admitted school children at 15 cents each and teachers at 25 cents each and gave free passes to several charitable schools.

For the closing week an array of attractions is offered, and it is expected that every day of that week will be marked by record breaking crowds. Monday, February 22, Washington's birthday, will be signalized by a great civic parade, in which all the local organizations will participate, with all the Range attractions, 500 race horses and many busness floats. This parade will occur at 10 a. m., and concluding at the fair grounds, will be followed by patriotic speeches by well known Florida orators at 11 a. m. Th Tampa Derby, the most important event of the race meeting, will be run Monday afternoon, and a confetti battle will occur in the evening on the Range.

Wednesday of next week will be the North and West Florida Day, and the railroads will run special excursions from those sections to the city. Speech making will figure in the exercises of the day and every effort will be made to show the visitors a good time. The judging of the exhibits will be completed on this date

Thursday, Febrbary 25, will be Negro Day. The colored people have made a very creditable exhibit in their department of the fair, and on this occasion they will have some distinguished member of their race to address them.

What promises to be the most important gathering held in Florida in a long time is booked for February 26, Citrus Fruit Day. Citrus fruit growers of Florida will meet at the Tampa Bay Casino to discuss the industry and decide upon plans for a better marketing of the orange crop. The convention will meet at the Tampa Bay Casino at 10 o'clock and the program, which has been carefully prepared by President Josiah Varn, includes addresses from leading growers and a highly instructive lecture by Lloyd S. Tenny government pomologist. A general discussion in which all the growers will participate, will be a leading feature of the meeting. This is expected to be the most important meeting of the citrus

DIED IN ALABAMA.

A former Visitor to Fort Myers Has Passed Over.

A despath arrived in this city last Friday, addressed to Ben King, bearing the sad intelligence of the death of his uncle, Mr. R. H. Pritchard, which occurred on that day at Birmingham, Ala. The gentleman was known here, he and his wife, who is a sister of S. W. King, who resides across the river, having wintered here several times.

The news of his death will be read with sadness by his numerous friends here, who with THE PRESS, will express sympathy to the bereaved wife. It is quite probable that Mrs. Pritchard will come to Fort Myers, that she may be near her brother.

—Manager Hendry, of the Royal Palm Theatre, has inaugurated a new plan for advertising his program. In one of his front windows he has painted the lower sash, and in a most unique manner has left a space 8½x11 inches, and each day a program is inserted. Every day crowds can be seen scanning the program to see what good things will occur that night. Get the habit and visit this place. Inside, Mr. Hendry has provided everything one could ask in the way of comforts. A visit to the Royal Palm will certainly prove a pleasure to you.

Woman--A World Power.

Woman is still in the ring, and holding her own. Who is the man who holds the key to the political situation in Europe? London and Paris papers say it is His Royal Highness, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne of Austria-Hungary, who has subdued to his will not only the old emperor, Francis Joseph, but Emperor William himself. All diplomatic issues affecting Europe—declare the London Standard and the Paris Figaro—must be referred to the Archduke, and no great decision is passed upon without his sanction. Well, this mighty potentate, it is well known is controlled by his wife—that homely Sophie Chotek, whom he married (morganatically) in defiance of the Emperor's mandate, and who marvelously transformed the broken-down roue—"the wildest profligate in Europe"—into a model husband, and a strong, healthy man.

In China—the coming world-power—Prince Chun, regent over the nearly four hundred millions of Celestial, is said to be controlled in all public movements by his rather delicate Manchu wife and his own three half-sisters. So much for the woman behind the throne. In our country, there are a number of men high in office who ask their wives' opinions upon state matters, and often act upon their suggestions.—Mary E.

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IN BEAUTIFUL FORT MYERS

MANY LARGE AND PROLIFIC CITRUS GROVES THERE.

Lee County Presents Many Advantages to The Grower of Orange And Grapefruit--Some of the Progressive Growers.

The following well-penned article is taken from the New York Produce News of Feb. 20 and we reproduce same with pleasure:

Fort Myers, Fla., Feb. 18.—Fort Myers is the most southern city in the United States, on the Gulf mainland. It is the county seat of Lee county and is situated on the southern bank of the beautiful Caloosahatchee river, 15 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico. being so far south it presents every advantage for the successful raising of citrus fruits of every kind and the soil and the climate for the growing of vegetables of every description. It is an ideal winter resort. It is the southern terminal of the Atlantic Coast Line, and steamers ply between Fort Myers and all river points where the fruits are packed and shipped and delivered to the railroad or sent by schooner to Tampa and other points.

The largest improvement the city has ever made is a new sea wall, which has been put in by private individuals whose property is along the river front. They have built for over 1,000 feet, a solid concrete wall and have filled in earth, dredged out from the front, thus giving a good depth of water right up to the wall. The cost to these public spirited citizens has been over $10,000 up to Feb. 8.

There is no county in the state that surpasses Lee in the growing of citrus fruits, and for miles in most any direction, up and down the Caloosahatchee river and all the smaller rivers which run into it, is one vast orange and grapefruit grove. There are trees which were never hurt by frost and which, at the present time are looking healthy and where the fruit has not been picked, the limbs are literally loaded with fruit and the boughs propped up with poles to keep from breaking or to keep the fruit off the ground. From 30 to 40 per cent of the Lee county fruit is yet to be marketed. There is here some of the very finest quality of grapefruit ever grown in the State. The county also ships thousands of dollars' worth of fall and winter vegetables. The climate and soil are particularly adapted to the raising of citrus fruits. The soil is a rich loam mixed with sand, the base of which is

ager of an 18 acre grove for Mr Post.

A. D. Gwynne of Memphis has lately purchased a beautiful home in Fort Myers, consisting of about one acre on Main street. He is remodeling the house and putting in all modern improvements. There is every variety of fruit on his place all under irrigation.

Dr. J. E. Brecht's home place of two acres is a beautiful sight, and has all been brought into perfection within the last 10 years. He has oranges and grapefruit, guavas, cocoanuts, paw paws, lemons, limes and almost every tropical plant.

Thos. Edison's beautiful home is located one mile west of the city on the Caloosahatchee. It consists of five acres, with every kind of fruit and tropical plant. Mr. Edison is now planting a 10 acre park to all known varieties of plants and fruits and when completed it will be one of the most entrancing places in the United States.

Major J. J. Blount an old and much respected resident, has a lovely home place of two acres of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines. The Major has some of the finest grapefruit ever grown, and makes a specialty of shipping fancy stock.

D. A. G. Floweree, John T. Murphy, John M. Roach and Dr. Franklin Miles have beautiful winter homes here also, and all are situated on the south bank of the river, surrounded by the orange and grapefruit trees and tropical plants.

The people of Lee county and Fort Myers are hospitable and progressive, and all are working to the one great end, to show the people the great resourses of their county, its healthful climate and its numerous natural advantages.

FORT MYERS, FLA., NEWS ITEMS.

The packing houses at Alva and Buckingham are still shipping fruit and there is a good quantity left on the trees.

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Hugh MacDonald shipped 50 boxes of extra fine fruit to Stevens Bros., Baltimore, this week. Mr. MacDonald reports that prices f. o. b. are advancing and he looks for a steady raise.

The H. E. Heitman Co. report that they have at least 35,000 boxes of fancy grapefruit that have not been shipped.

C. J. Stubbs, manager of the Jno. F. Murphy grove, has some fine grapefruit to ship. He reports about 80 per cent of the fruit off the trees.

F. C. Hadley, of this place, has shipped this season 200 crates of peppers, most of them going to the Fidelity Fruit & Produce Co., of Atlanta Ga. Mr. Hadley has fifteen acres planted

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Fort Myers is the county seat and largest city in the county. Some of the other beautiful places, homes of the orange groves, are Alva, Buckingham, Caloosa, Captiva, Buck Key, Chokoloskee, Fort Denaud, Punta Rassa and several towns on Sanibel Island at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee river. Lee county can boast of 2,700 acres of orange groves, and 3,300 acres of grapefruit groves under cultivation and bearing.

LARGEST INDIVIDUAL GROVE.

The largest orange and grapefruit grove in the State owned by an individual is at Alva in this county. It is owned by Dr. A. G. Floweree, of Helena, Mont., and is under the management of H. E. Heitman of Fort Myers. There are 400 acres in one grove, and 200 acres in another, making 600 acres of oranges and grapefruit owned by Mr. Floweree. Mr. Heitman also has the management of the groves of W. F. Harris, Newark, N. J., 75 acres; Wm. H. Woodard, Birmingham, Ala., 40 acres; Mrs. M. O. Terry, Mariette, N. Y., 125 acres; John M. Dean, Providence, R. I., 60 acres; Dean Bros., Providence, 65 acres; Wm. Wallace, Jr., of Helena, Mont., 50 acres. He also has a 125 acre grove of his own.

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USEPPA ISLAND.

FEBRUARY 17, 1909.

[Received too late for last week's issue.]

F. J. Jennison, of Marquette, Mich., enjoyed himself fishing for channel bass and shooting pelican. He's collecting birds for a school in his home town.

G. E. Hardin is a collector of rare shells.

F. R. Blount and wife of Punta Gorda, started home a few days ago.

Mrs. E. W. Smith loves boating.

Joseph I. Cronin and J E Bower stopped here on their way north.

E. W. Lindsey, of Baltimore, contents himself fishing for sheephead off the dock.

F. Sitterding, of Richmond, Va., is studying grape fruit and orange trees in the Useppa grove.

C. T. Williams is a mark at catching grouper.

William Arnold, of Minneapolis, arrived yesterday, and has a ton of shell collected already. He says he is going to build a shell house on Useppa Isle.

The new cottage being constructed on the north end of Useppa Island has the siding and roof on. Expect it will be completed by the first of March.

F. W. Emory has gone to Punta Rassa for a few days. BOWSER.

membered by all who had the pleasure of partaking of his hospitality.

On Wednesday evening there was a genuine colored cake walk and impromptu dance and musicale.

Mr. C. P. Hogg is here with his famous violin once the property of Sir Walter Scott, and the violin and Mr. Hogg seemed to inspire the guests, and the old songs of Scotland followed in quick succession. After the music the crowd joined in dancing the Virginia reel.

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NOTICE—We have been requested by the widow of the late Mr. Phillips, who was drowned at Naples last week, to offer for sale the sloop owned by her. For particulars address, Mrs. Wm. Phillips, Naples, Fla. 1-18-tf

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All persons doing business in Lee county, who have not paid their license to do said business, are hereby notified to come forward and settle license as they are now doing business at their own risk. Especial attention of steamboat men, and all persons running launches, or boats for hire, are required under the law to pay a license tax.

E. J. BLOUNT,
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—FOR SALE—New cabin cruiser launch, 28 ft., coppered and equipped, up to date. Can be seen at Lofton's ways or H. E. Heitman. 1-21-tf

For Sale.

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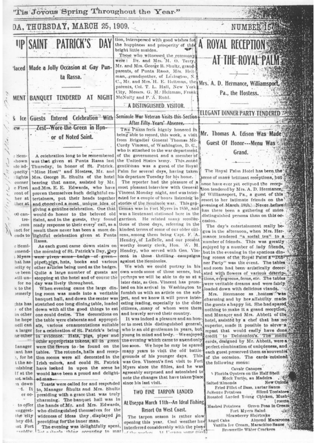

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

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BANQUET TENDERED AT NIGHT

Guests Entered Celebration With Zest--Wore the Green in Honor of Noted Saint.

A celebration long to be remembered was that given at Punta Rassa last Thursday, in honor of St. Patrick. "Mine Host" and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Shultz of the hotel bearing that name, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edwards, who have proven themselves such delightful entertainers, put their heads together and conceived a most unique idea of giving a genuine celebration. One that would do honor to the beloved old Saint, and in the guests, they found ready response to their every call, as a result there never has been a more delightful celebration given at Punta Rassa.

As each guest came down stairs on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, they were given some badge of green—pipes, pigs, hats, books and various other articles being used as the badges. Quite a large number of guests are stopping at the hotel and of course the day was lively throughout.

When evening came the large dining room was made into a veritable banquet hall, and down the center was stretched one long dining table, loaded down with all the good things to eat one could desire. The decorations on the table were elaborate and appropriate, various ornamentations suitable for a celebration of St. Patrick's being in evidence. Hats, pigs, pipes and other appropriate tokens, all in green were the favors to be found on the tables. The rotunda, halls and reception rooms were all decorated in the Irish colors, and could St. Patrick have looked in upon the scene he would have been a proud and delighted man.

Toasts were called for and responded to, Manager Shultz and Mrs. Shultz presiding with a grace that was truly charming. The banquet hall was in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who distinguished themselves for the wideness of ideas they displayed in providing for the inner man.

The evening was delightfully spent, not a single thing occurring to mar

tion, interspersed with good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of this bright little maiden.

Those who witnessed the ceremony were: Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Shultz, grandparents, of Punta Rassa, Mrs. Heitman, grandmother, of Lexington, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Heitman, the parents, Col. T. L. Hall, New York City, Messrs. G. M. Heitman, Frank McNulty and P. A. Ruhl.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Seminole War Veteran Visits this Section After Fifty Years' Absence.

THE PRESS feels highly honored in being able to record, this week, a visit from Brigadier General Thomas McCurdy Vincent, of Washington, D. C., who is attached to the war department of the government and a member of the United States army. This noted gentleman was a guest of the Royal Palm for several days, having taken his departure Tuesday for his home.

The reporter had the pleasure of a most pleasant interview with General Vincent Monday night, and was interested for a couple of hours listening to stories of the Seminole war. This gentleman was in Fort Myers in 1850, and was a lieutenant stationed here in the garrison. He related many recollections of those days, referring in the kindest terms of some of our older citizens, among them being Capt. F. A. Hendry, of LaBelle, and our present worthy county clerk, Hon. W. M. Hendry, who served with Gen. Vincent in those thrilling campaigns against the Seminoles.

We wish we could portray in his own words some of those scenes, but perhaps we will be able to do so at a later date, as Gen. Vincent has promised on his arrival in Washington to furnish us with an article on the subject, and we know it will prove interesting reading, especially to the older citizens, many of whom were there and bravely served their country.

It was indeed a pleasure and an honor to meet this distinguished general, who is an old gentleman in years, but young in mind and body. We enjoyed the evening which came to an end only too soon. We hope he may be spared many years to visit the old battlegrounds of his younger days. This was Gen. Vincent's first visit to Fort Myers since the fifties, and he was agreeably surprised and astonished to note the changes that have taken place since his last visit.

TWO FINE TARPON LANDED

At Useppa March 11th--An Ideal Fishing Resort On West Coast.

The tarpon season is rather slow opening this year. Cool weather has interferred considerably with the plans of the anglers. At Useppa some good

A ROYAL RECEPTION AT THE ROYAL PALM

Mrs. A. D. Hermance, Williamsport, Pa., the Hostess.

ELEGANT DINNER PARTY TENDERED

Mr. Thomas A. Edison Was Made Guest Of Honor---Menu Was Grand.

The Royal Palm Hotel has been the scene of many brilliant receptions, but none have ever yet eclipsed the reception tendered by Mrs. A. D. Hermance, of Williamsport, Pa., a guest of this resort to her intimate friends on the evening of March 18th. Never before has there been a gathering of more distinguished persons than on this occasion.

The day's entertainment really begun in the afternoon, when Mrs. Hermance tendered "a social tea" to a number of friends. This was greatly enjoyed by a number of lady friends, but in the evening in the spacious dining rooms of the Royal Palm a "Dinner Party" was the event. The tables and room had been artistically decorated with flowers of various descriptions, evergreens, ferns, etc. The tables were veritable dreams and were fairly loaded down with delicious viands.

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ing room was made into a veritable banquet hall, and down the center was stretched one long dining table, loaded down with all the good things to eat one could desire. The decorations on the table were elaborate and appropriate, various ornamentations suitable for a celebration of St. Patrick's being in evidence. Hats, pigs, pipes and other appropriate tokens, all in green were the favors to be found on the tables. The rotunda, halls and reception rooms were all decorated in the Irish colors, and could St. Patrick have looked in upon the scene he would have been a proud and delighted man.

Toasts were called for and responded to, Manager Shultz and Mrs. Shultz presiding with a grace that was truly charming. The banquet hall was in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who distinguished themselves for the wideness of ideas they displayed in providing for the inner man.

The evening was delightfully spent, not a single thing occurring to mar the happiness of the occasion.

The Press man acknowledges with pleasure and thanks an invitation to be present, but business engagements prevented our being there, but two days later we were on the scene, and heard from witnesses, who actually experienced the pleasures of that occasion that it was one of the grandest banquets and celebrations that have ever taken place at Punta Rassa.

A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY.

Little Miss Lorraine Earnhardt Heitman Christened.

A beautiful ceremony took place Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when little Miss Lorraine Earnhardt Heitman, the sweet little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvie E. Heitman was christened, under the ceremony of the Episcopal ritual, Rev. Rudolph Stahley, of Wulfert, performing the ceremony. The scene was a beautiful one indeed, and was witnessed by quite a number of friends, in addition to the parents and grandparents of the child.

Mrs. M. O. Terry acted as one godmother, and Mrs. G. R. Shultz represented Mrs. Bogart, of New York, as the other godmother, the latter lady being unable to be present at the ceremony. Col. Frank L. Hall, a prominent attorney, of New York city, was the godfather.

As the ceremony was performed the witnesses stood in a circle around the improvised altar, and as the child was presented to the minister, her face became wreathed in smiles, but no sooner had the cool water been sprinkled upon her lovely little head, than she began to cry in good fashion. This was taken as a good omen by the grandparents, who were as happy as could be.

After the ceremony, in which the promises and well-wishes were freely given, refreshments were served, consisting of ice-cream and cake, after which the proud and happy father presented each gentleman with a finely flavored Havana cigar, and the bal-

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furnish us with an article on the subject, and we know it will prove interesting reading, especially to the older citizens, many of whom were there and bravely served their country.

It was indeed a pleasure and an honor to meet this distinguished general, who is an old gentleman in years, but young in mind and body. We enjoyed the evening which came to an end only too soon. We hope he may be spared many years to visit the old battlegrounds of his younger days. This was Gen. Vincent's first visit to Fort Myers since the fifties, and he was agreeably surprised and astonished to note the changes that have taken place since his last visit.

TWO FINE TARPON LANDED

At Useppa March 11th--An Ideal Fishing Resort On West Coast.

The tarpon season is rather slow opening this year. Cool weather has interferred considerably with the plans of the anglers. At Useppa some good work has been put in fishing for the smaller fish, but tarpon have eluded the sportsman. The Press man dropped in there last Saturday, only for a short time, however, and was informed that on March 17th Geo. H. Paine, of Cincinnati, landed a fine tarpon, measuring 5 feet 5½ inches and weighing 108 ponnds. On March 18th Jules S. Eirich landed another weighing 104 pounds. The size was not taken. Both fish were sent up to Ike Shaw & Co., taxidermists, in this city, to be mounted. These fish were caught by trolling in Boca Grand Pass. Two ohers were hooked on the same day but got away.

Judge R. S. Hudspeth, of New Jersey, played a fine fellow for half an hour when his line broke and he lost the tarpon. This was the extent of the tarpon fishing.

While at Useppa we had but a short time at our disposal, but we had the pleasure of meeting Assistant Manager C. J. Goranson, a most affable young man, who is making a great success of the Inn, one of the most famous resorts on the west coast. Fishermen from all parts of the continent are beginning to come down, and as soon as the weather warms up a little some fine records may be looked for from Useppa. On the day we were there nine parties were out and we may hear some wonderful stories from them.

Useppa Island is in the heart of the tarpon fishing grounds and The Press has been promised authentic records which will doubtless prove interesting reading. The Inn is one of the most thoroughly equipped hotels imaginable, located on a high hill overlooking the bays and passes of Boca Grande and Captiva. It is certainly an ideal spot for the angler as well as the pleasure seeker. We enjoyed very much our stay there and hope in the near future to go down there again.

—Don't wait until April 2nd to pay your taxes. The books close on the 1st of April.

Fishing poles from 70 cents to $30.00

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Cafe Demi Tasse

Those who participated were as follows:

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Mr. D. A. G. Flowerree, Mrs. D. A. G. Flowerree, Mrs. John T. Murphy, Mrs. W. T. Pigott, Mr. W. S. Garvey, Mrs. W. S. Garvey, Mr. John M. Dean, Mrs. John M. Dean, Mrs. Robert W. Dean, Mrs. J. C. Noblitt, Mr. A. D. Hermance, Mrs. A. D. Hermance, Miss Barrager, Miss Edison, Miss Cozzens, Mr. C. A. Cady.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison was the guest of honor and sat to the right of Mr. A. D. Hermance, who presided at the head of the table. The affair was brilliant and grand.

After the supper had been served the guests repaired to the spacious sun parlor and music room, where dancing was indulged in until a reasonably late hour when the guests dispersed, feeling that it was truly a delightfully pleasant evening and thanks were showered upon Mrs. Hermance in profusion.

Lee County Packing Company.

It has long been decided that a central packing house at Fort Myers is essential. In order to start the organization quickly and get it in working order at the earliest possibe date, a few growers have formed a stock company and have applied for a charter. The nature of this charter appearing in another part of this paper.

It is the object of this company to build the most convenient packing house, and secure the most desirable equipment they can. They are now going ahead getting plans and preparing for immediate work.

We believe it is to the interest of all the Lee county growers to become identified with the undertaking. The larger the number of stockholders the more influence the company can exercise. All are invited to take stock, which will be on the same basis and give the same privileges as the stock of the incorporators. Subscription book will be at the office of attorney, F. C. Alderman.

— W. S. GARVEY.

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LADIES GETTING IN FOR IMPROVEMENT

Civic Improvement Association Held Impoltant Meeting.

GENERAL TERRY ADDRESSES THEM

Delivered Address on the Subject of Beautifying the Homes of our Residents.

This afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Foxworthy, the Ladie's Civic Improvement Association held a meeting that may well be classed as one of its most important. The question of beautifying the city was taken up, and by invitation Gen. M. O. Terry addressed the meeting in a most persuasive manner. His address appears below, hence we will offer no comments.

The ladies transacted several other important matters, and will in the near future, give out some most suggestive hints as to how to beautify our homes.

GENERAL TERRY'S ADDRESS.

Following is the address delivered by General Terry:

Ladies of the Civic Improvement Association of Fort Myers:

We all have had experiences in coincidences. I have just had one in that the Board of Trade at its last meeting appointed me a committee of one to represent them at one of your meetings in reference to beautifying the homes of our citizens, but especially to suggest a uniform movement throughout the town by which encouragement, and assistance, if necessary, be given, so that more of the beautiful flowers, shrubs and tropical trees decorate and perfume the homes in Fort Myers. Within the week your new and enthusiastic president, Mrs. Laycock, paid me the same compliment by asking me to address you on lines which will improve the homes and the town in general, in which the sanitary question seemed to be an important one to your president.

It can hardly be expected that I arrogate to myself such a fountain of wisdom as will enable you to follow

has its committees for the performance of work which has to do with a variety of interests, all contributary toward the welfare and advancement of Fort Myers as a town. The organization should work unceasingly and continue to do its work as the place developes into a city, for city growth cannot be accomplished by any other method than by a steady and unfaultering effort carried right along with the business and inceasing population so surely coming.

The other lines of work you may already have in contemplation or under consideration.

There should be a Sanitary committee. You may not have a legal status for changing the errors of a neglected town in its corporated make-up, but any organized body—especially of women—the city fathers may well be in fear of, if they neglect their duty for unity of action upon public health duties with the power of the press, has crushed the strongest single man, and in the irregular work of combinations. Fortunately, you have men of excellent reputation, sterling integrity, men patriotic in the welfare of Fort Myers to work with you, or will give you a willing ear in all that pertains to the welfare of the town, so that while the men may neglect through business responsibilities, they will give you an attentive ear as you bring to them the important questions in the various channels which you in committee may have discovered and upon which you demand attention.

The most important of all is the Sanitary question of a collection of individuals, whether it be the army, settlement, village, town or city. In my opinion the construction of the seawall has forestalled an epidemic of some bacterial disease, just as likely to occur here as it has in such places as Bartow and Miami. You have simply been fortunate. Had it occurred, I would not have entered upon the work which I have done and will do if assisted, as life is too short at this state of my career. Much remains to be done to free the water front from the dangers of an putrefactive soil. I shall not take back what I have stated, that should an epidemic occur as a result of inactivity, or lack of enforcing ordinances, you may count on the closing of the Royal Palm, and a deadly rest from growth and development for an indefinite time. It is to you, therefore, to see to it that sanitation of the up-to-date sort be enforced in the interests of your families, which is paramount, but secondly in the interest of growth and development of Fort Myers.

There should be a committee on examination of schools. This question

CALOOSAHATCHEE DREDGE B

A Monster One Hundred Feet Landed At Fort Myers

Crowds Go Out

At last the big dredge Caloosahatche has arrived, and the coming of thi monster mud-slinger is the dawning o a new era of prosperity for Lee county which is certainly destined to becom the greatest county in the "land o flowers and sunshine." As the bi dredge was towed to the channel, i front of the city dock, large crowds o people stood on the head of the dock t welcome the Edison and the Belle o Myers, which boats towed in the dredg from Boca Grande pass. As all ma feel an interest in the bringing up o this dredge we will relate a little history of the trip, which really bega last week. The writer was a party t the starting, and we feel proud to b numbered among the first to go dow and behold the new boat.

Last week, Wednesday, THE PRES man accepted a position on the steamer Thomas A. Edison as chief looke on, and early Wednesday morning the 24th instant, departed for Boc Grande pass, where the big boat wa anchored awaiting our coming. Th Edison, of course was under charge Capt. R. W. Dupree, aud it would b hard to find a man who could fill th bill so well as he, for he is one of th most competent boat captains we eve saw, at the same time he is a dete mined fellow, who hates to give u hence he will be found staying by th job until he lands the dredge at D naud.

Capt. Dupree had as assistant pil Charlie Cooper, a man equally dete mined, and a skillful sailor, wh knows every inch of territory dow the coast. Wednesday afternoon w landed alongside the dredge and hooke up for a tow. For two hours we pulle the boat, until the tide turned again us and a high wind set in. The Ed son anchored under the lee shore Lacosta island. There was but o small anchor aboard, and we had night of unrest, but Capt. Dupree sta by the boat, and though the wind ble a gale, no damage was done. N

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one to your president.

It can hardly be expected that I arrogate to myself such a fountain of wisdom as will enable you to follow the suggestions I may make on this subject as I must admit in the beginning that this is not my long suit, as goes the expression in bridge-whist. The fact is the Encyclopædia Floridiana might more properly be represented on the other side of the Terry combination. It is unnecessary for me to state how fond I am of Fort Myers, and that I am not only greatly interested as an adopted citizen, but that I am willing to do everything that I can within my scope of vision for the advancement or development of it.

The first question within your precints in reference to the subject of beautifying your homes by the generous use of flowers, came to me from your enthusiastic winter tourist, Prof. Thos. A. Edison. His beautiful home, and the generous gift he has made to the town by planting Royal Palm trees to the number of one thousand, from the station to his home, shows not only the proper public spirit but the æsthetic side of his nature. Furthermore he stated to me that he would be willing to contribute to a fund for placing the various flowers and shrubs in the homes of those unable to do so.

I do not think I am the one to suggest what flowers are best suited for the various gardens and yards. But such as the yuca, or Spanish dagger; the hibiscus; the alamander shrub and vine; Cherokee rose, valuable especially for hedges; the periwinkle, or vinca, which require but little attention. Then there are the roseapictus, or Jacob's coat of many colors; the fish geranium, especially valuable in view of the fact that snakes of all sorts avoid them, and if placed in circles or along paths, it is as good as a sea-wall for turning the contemplated course of the vipers. Then they have a most refreshing look and are exceedingly pretty. Remember that the amarrillas bulb grows wild in the woods; other selections are the bauhinia (buhinea;) trailing bignonias and bougainvillea; the bro hyblum; the various jessomine; magnolias; poinesette; royal palm; cabbage palmetto; poinceana; eucalyptus and camphor, the latter named trees not only a tropical selection, but having in some instances medical or health-giving properties. The names of flowers and trees mentioned are simply illustrative of what should be selected.

It is quite possible your organization

secondly in the interest of growth and development of Fort Myers.

There should be a committee on examination of schools. This question takes in proper ventilation, seats, water, exercise and investigation of any prevalent diseases.

Sanitation takes in the examination of buildings, closets, the home life, the river front, proper fire protection, care of the streets, disposition of debris, examination and instruction in regard to proper food.

A most complete and far reaching sewerage system extending well into the river, must not be neglected.

There should be a public park. I think it was in December that I saw Mr. Shultz in regard to the wooded triangle near the station. I said the town would not expect him to donate this excellent cite for a park, but its citizens would appreciate the turning over of the property at its cost, plus the interest from the time of purchase. I have seen him within two weeks and he has not stated he would not do something of the right sort. I believe I spoke to Mrs. Stout about this matter soon after seeing Mr. S., and it appears that she and others had been thinking of the same thing in regard to a public park. This should be called the Shultz Park as a recognition of his liberal offer. In the future it is to be hoped that all sorts of carry-alls will start from the Shultz Park, and be taken to the Shultz Hotel for various refreshments of the sea sort.

There should be a Library committee for increasing the number books and for securing a home for this valuable educational organization.

Again, an Architectual committee who shall inform themselves and give information as to the best, most sanitary and best adapted house for a tropical region. People coming South bring with them Northern ideas absolutely unadapted to a tropical zone.

There should be a Musical committee for the purpose of entertainments and to develope musical ideas.

The Fort Myers Yacht and Country Club has a difficult problem to face in its support. A committee on ways and means for sustaining the club would be a good thought in view of the advantages of such a club to a town. Then you who are here the year round know the pleasures of such a resort. The club house is well arranged for all sorts of social gatherings, and is located amidst pines, where the air is almost velvety, soothing wi pine fragrance and healthful. It tak you away from the routine home d ties, yet is near at hand for all eme gencies. Whist parties, little danc dinners, club meetings and the like, held there at a small charge per capit would amount to a good bit at the e of the year. We need money for int est on a note, for keeping up t grounds, for beautifying the premis and for supporting the club.

But I have already wearied you in suggestive outline for future action a beg to thank you for the honor of a dressing you, the Civic Society of F Myers.

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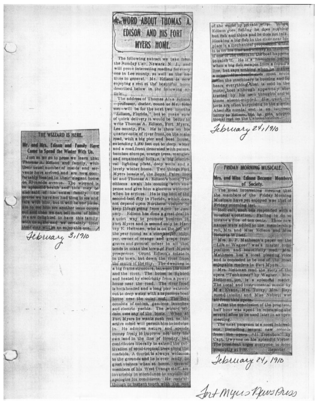
A nor'wester set in, and for a tim it looked as though it would blow u out of the bay, but the Edison is on of the best boats afloat, and the pri of its owners, the Menge Bros., wh have the contract for towing the dredg up the river. Menge Bros., are car ful men, and go at a thing determine to win out, and in selecting Capt. Du pree they knew they had a man th would stand by them, so the dredg will come up, even though it may tak some time to get her there.

But, we are off the subject. Th stop at Pineland was pleasant in man respects, but the "blow" was awfu but we passed through it with no dam age. While there we all put in goo time fishing and assisting Uncle Joh Weatherford, the finest cook in t land, in getting away with the pro sions on board, which was an excee ingly pleasant task. In the afternoo we again took hold of the dredg though the wind was blowing a gal and the tide dead against us. We ma aged to pull the boat to the point LaCosta island, just off Useppa, an there she drifted on a mud flat, and t big shovel on board was put into pla in an effort to shove her off. Aft some few shoves, part of the machine on the dredge broke, and the job w called off.

Friday morning, after spending most terrific night at Pineland bul head, where the wind blew at a t mendous gait, we again went to t dredge, but she was hard aground, a Capt. Dupree started for Fort Mye for wood, water, and provisions, arri ing in this city Friday afternoon. U



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THE WIZZARD IS HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison and Family Have Come to Spend the Winter With Us.

Just as we go to press we learn that Thomas A. Edison and family, with their usual number of maids and servants have arrived and are now comfortably located in their elegant home on Riverside avenue. The wizzard is in splendid health and this may be also said of his entire family. Of course we have not had time to see and talk with him, but it will be our pleasure to see him ere another issue comes out and then we can tell more of him. We are delighted to have this family with us again and we certainly trust their stay will be an enjoyable one.

February 3, 1910

A WORD ABOUT THOMAS A. EDISON AND HIS FORT MYERS HOME.

The following extract we take from the Sunday Call, Newark, N. J., and will prove interesting reading for every one in Lee county, as well as the natives in general. Mr. Edison is now enjoying a rest at the beautiful home described below in the following article:

The address of Thomas Alva Edison—professor, doctor, count or Mr. Edison—will be for the next two months "Edison, Florida," but to make sure of quick delivery it would be better to write Thomas A. Edison, Fort Myers, Lee county, Fla. He is there on his quarter-mile of river front, on the main road, with a big pier and boat house, extending 1,200 feet out to deep water and a road front decorated with palms, bamboo clumps, orange trees, mangoes and ornamental foliage, a big electrical lighting plant, deep wells and a lovely winter home. Two things Fort Myers boasts of, the Royal Palm Hotel and Thomas A. Edison's home. The citizens await his coming with suspense and give him a glorious welcome when he arrives. He is the idol of the second-best city in Florida, which does not depend upon Northern visitors to keep things going from April to January. Edison has done a great deal in a quiet way to promote business in Fort Myers and is second only to Harvey E. Heitman, who is on the job all the year round as a storekeeper, shipper, owner of orange and grape fruit groves and general mixer in all that tends to make the town of Fort Myers prosperous. Count Edison's estate is in the town, but down the river from the centre of the city. The dwelling is a big frame structure, between the road and the river. The house is lighted and heated by electricity from a power house near the road. The river front is bulkheaded and a long pier extends out to deep water with a capacious boat house near the outer end. The fleet consists of canoes, gasolene launches and electric yachts. The wizard seldom uses any of the boats. When at Fort Myers he wants such rest as his active mind will permit him to indulge in. He admires nature and spends money freely to improve not only his own land in the line of forestry, but contributes liberally to extend the cultivation of semi-tropical trees along the roadside. A tourist is always welcome to the grounds and he is ever ready to greet visitors when at home. Several members of his West Orange staff are invariably in attendance to explain or apologize for conditions. He rests although in instant touch with the rest of the world by private wires. When Edison goes fishing he does nothing but fish and think and he does not talk. Hooking a big fish in the river near his place is a mechanical proposition when it is on his line and merely an incident if one of the others in the boat happens to catch it. He is a humorous josher when a big fish escapes from a friend's line, but says nothing when he makes a miss. His hearing is most acute when the machinery is buzzing and he hears everything that is said in the motor boat although apparently abstracted by his own thoughts and at times absent-minded. His quiet retorts are often surprising to the guests. Absolute mental rest is an impossibility to Edison, but he gets proportional rest on the Caloosahatchee.

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FRIDAY MORNING MUSICALE.

Mrs. and Miss Edison Become Members of Society.

The most interesting meeting that the members of the Friday Morning Musicale have yet enjoyed was that of Friday morning last.

Roll call, each one responded with a musical quotation. Failing to do so means a fine of ten cents. Three new names were added to the membership roll, Mrs. and Miss Edison and Miss Roberta Willett.

Mrs. B. P. Matheson's paper on the "Life of Wagner" was a master composition and beautifully read. Mrs. Matheson has a most pleasing voice and is conceded to be one of the most enjoyable readers in Fort Myers.

Mrs. Heitman read the story of the opera "Tanhauser" by Wagner. Mrs. Heitman, too, is a splendid reader. The vocal and instrumental music by M s Evans, Mrs. Torey, Mrs. Raymond (violin) and Miss Noblett was all from this opera.

After the conclusion of the program, half hour was spent in rehearsing the several olios to be used later in an open meeting.

The next program is a most interest-one, including several new records from the opera "Il Trovatore" by Capt. Gwynne on his splendid Victor. The president urges everyone to come promptly at 9:30. Reporter.

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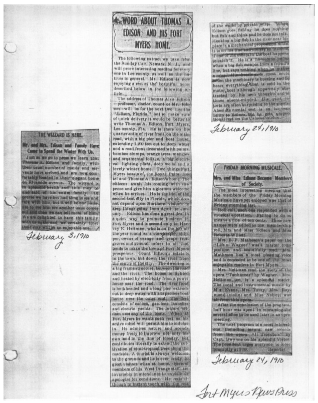

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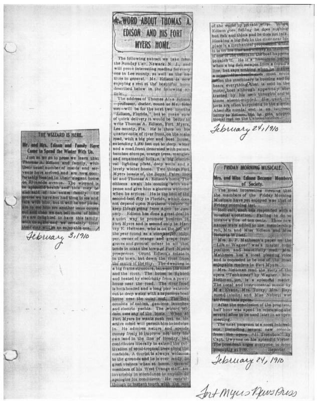

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Mr. and Mrs. Edison and Family Have Come to Spend the Winter With Us.

Just as we go to press we learn that Thomas A. Edison and family, with their usual number of maids and servants have arrived and are now comfortably located in their elegant home on Riverside avenue. The wizzard is in splendid health and this may be also said of his entire family. Of course we have not had time to see and talk with him, but it will be our pleasure to see him ere another issue comes out and then we can tell more of him. We are delighted to have this family with us again and we certainly trust their stay will be an enjoyable one.

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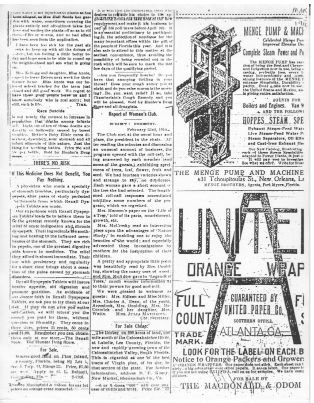

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I have been too sick for the past six weeks to keep up with all the doings of Estero, but am feeling a little better today and hope soon to be able to round up the neighborhood and see what is going on.

Mrs. Kellogg and daughter, Miss Annie, expect to leave Estero next week for their former home. Miss Annie was our beloved school teacher for the term just closed and did good work. We regret to have these good people leave us and I know somebody who is real sorry; but still, such is life. TIME.

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It is well that the Democratic voter who desires to register his choice in the approaching primaries take note of the new requirement and make it his business to pay up his poll taxes before April 9th. It is an essential preliminary to participating in the selection of nominees for the many important offices within the gift of the people of Florida this year. And it is also safe to attend to this matter at the earliest convenience, thus avoiding the possibility of being crowded out in the rush which will be sure to mark the last few days of the qualifying period.

—Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Does your cough annoy you at night and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased. Sold by Hunter's Drug Store and all druggists.

Report of Woman's Club.

SUBJECT: FORESTRY.

February 23rd, 1910.

The Club met at the usual hour and place, the president in the chair. After reading the minutes and discussing an unusual amount of business, the program opened with the roll-call, being answered by each member (and some of the guests,) exhibiting specimens of trees, leaf, flower, fruit and seed. We had fourteen varieties shown and strange to say, no duplicates. Each woman gave a short account of the tree she had selected. The lengthened roll-call responses necessitated omitting some numbers of the program, which we regretted.

Mrs. Hanson's paper on the 'Life of a Tree,' told of its parts, nourishment, growth, etc.

Mrs. McCrosky read an interesting piece upon the advantages of 'Nature Study,' in enabling one to enjoy the beauties of the world; and especially advocated these investigations by mothers for the instruction of their children.

A pretty and appropriate little poem was beautifully read by Mrs. Goulding, showing the many uses of wood; and Mrs. McAdow gave in 'Legends of Trees,' much wonder information as to their powers for good and evil.

We were pleased to welcome as guests: Mrs. Edison and Miss Miller, Mrs. Charles A. Dean, of the yacht, Aroostook, Mrs. Goulding, Mrs. McCormick and her daughter, Mrs. Watts.

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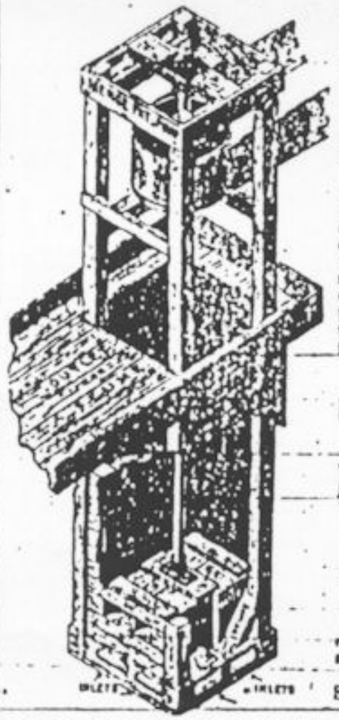

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Twenty-five Years of Progress Pictured in One Glorious Occasion.

THE OX CART AND THE AUTO.

Brave Men and Fair Women Were There Galore--Mrs. Olive E. Stout Who Made it Possible.

Tag Day. Fort Myers Day. The grandest day in the history of the finest town in America was that set apart and celebrated last Wednesday, under the leadership of Mrs. Olive E. Stout, who undaunted by all kinds of troubles and excuses, made it possible for Fort Myers to show to her visitors and guests that truly we have made progress in the past twenty-five years. Progress. The word hardly seems strong enough to convey the idea, for when you took in the sight on that grand occasion and saw the old ox team parading with the modern auto, and then looked around the city and saw how large brick blocks have taken the place of wooden shanties, it spoke more than progress, if such were possible. It told a story more eloquent than we can print in cold type of a spot on earth that has gone forward in leaps and bounds, until today it stands as one of the foremost towns of the grandest state in the Union.

Would that we had the space and words to paint the picture as it really is, but you all saw what it was and words are inadequate to tell just what it was, except, that we can say never in the history of the city has such a demonstration been witnessed, and to that woman who, with the assistance of the members of the Civic Club, toiled and worried and worked until its accomplishments crowned her efforts, we say all honor, and when we say well done, we feel that we are expressing the sentiments of every citizen. For it was more than well done, and the thanks and three cheers for this the progress of twenty-five years, and well did the promoters calculate. The arrangement was simply fine. We wish we could speak of each float separately. The designs were fine, and each one should have a fine write-up, but our space forbids, but we cannot refrain from mentioning the floats of the school children. They were exquisite. The progress of the city as portrayed in each float, was original and magnificent. The parade was formed on the east side of the court house and proceeded down Hendry street to First street, up First street to Park avenue, thence into Second street and down that street to Riverside avenue, in the following order:

First came the cow boys, represent twenty-five years ago, followed by an ox team, the wagon containing chickens and farm products, with the dog tied to the rear. The city fire department then followed, then the various floats, winding up with a long string of autos, showing that the progress made in that direction was great. The decorations of the floats and autos were beautiful, showing that much time and pains had been spent in preparing them. The day was all that could be desired, and to those who did the promoting, we say you have the everlasting gratitude of every citizen in Fort Myers.

To cap off the entire day, tag day was introduced and the neat sum of $250.00 was realized as a furnishing fund for the new school-house. The most pleasing feature was the amount raised by Mrs. Olive E. Stout, who collected the largest sum for tags as follows: Mr. A. A. Gardner contributed $40.00, Miss M. M. Gardner, $40.00, and Capt. W. F. Gwynne, $5.00, making her collection $85.

LADIES WILL ENTERTAIN.

Will Give Fine Musical Program at Royal Palm Theater, Tuesday Night.

The Friday Morning Music Club, assisted by other artists, will give an entertainment at the Royal Palm theater Tuesday evening, March 15th, 1910, the proceeds to go towards the new High School fund.

Rehearsals at the theater are being held daily, and the members of the Club are spending every effort to make it a success musically and financially.

The program will consist of solos, choruses, and scenes from the operas, Ermine, Robin Hood and the Mikado, en costume.

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Enough. We shall endeavor in a brief way to tell just how it happened.

About 10:30 Wednesday morning crowds of children came from the school house, bedecked in gala costumes and with banners waving, each grade being represented. It was a sight that caused every parent's heart to swell with pride to see the noble set of children, all bent on making the day the grandest in the history of the city.

The march to the court house was taken up, headed by the school children. Upon arriving at the court house the speakers of the day were welcomed with three cheers. Three cheers were offered for the old time settlers, the new settlees, and the tourists, and then that grand man, Thomas A. Edison was given a welcome that was warm indeed. The wizard sat upon the platform, and the smile that wreathed his face, showed that his appreciation was great.

Mayor Robert Lilly advanced to the front of the rostrum, and in a few choice words, introduced the first speaker, who was that grand old man, Capt. F. A. Hendry, who was among the first pioneers to blaze the way through the forests of South Florida. He made a fine speech, telling of the old times that we had here, and picturing the trials through which our border settlers went through with. He was given profound attention, especially when he addressed the children. We cannot give his speech in full, but it was one of his characteristic talks, and it was fine.

Dr. M. O. Terry was then introduced and made a splendid talk on the subject of good roads, showing the wonderful strides that are being made along this line. His remarks were well received, and he showed that the work of building roads in this county was well under way.

He was followed by Col. L. A. Hendry, who told of the progress that is being made in developing our waterway. He showed that it is but a matter of time when the beautiful Caloosahatchee will be one of the leading trails to the mighty Gulf. His remarks were to the point and well received.

The dinner hour having arrived, the meeting was then adjourned until two o'clock when the parade took place. This parade was intended to represen

stores, Saturday.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAM:

1st—PART ONE:

Serenade .... Herbert
Violin, Cello and Piano ....
Misses Edlefsen, MacDonald and Beals
2nd--Waltz Song.......... Caramena
Choruses—Friday Morning Club
3rd—Reading .... Selected
.... Miss Grace Edlefsen
4th—Spring Song .... Well
Violin Obligato
Mrs. Blondelle Ver Treese Tovey
5th—Doan ye Cry ma Honey........
....Chorus-Soloist Miss Edith Noblett
6th—Trio .... Bohnn
Misses Edlefsen, MacDonald and Beals
Intermission.
Spanish Dance .... Miss Elsie Lilley
Maids' Solo........From Opera Ermine
Misses Noblett, Graham, Thorp, Menge and Ruhl, ~~Mesdames Hendry and Johns~~
Lullaby..............From Opera Ermine
Solo, (with Chorus)....................
............Mrs. Julia Adele Travers
Churning Song ..From Opera Robin Hood
...................Miss May Graham
Dance—Irish Tilt.......Miss may Graham
Scene ....From Opera Mikado
Three Little Maids from School ......
Mrs. Tovey, Misses Graham and Kells
Moon Song.....................Mrs. Tovey

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—The ladies of this city are enjoying a most strenuous social life. Hardly a day passes by, that some one does not entertain with a bridge party.

—There were several social events that transpired this week that we have made no mention of, and in fact several items that we have laid over, and we want our readers to remember that we had a celebration here on Wednesday, and that accounts for a lot of shortages. We will give an epitome of the social functions next week.

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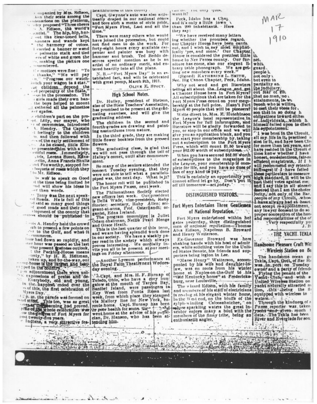

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companied by Mrs. Edison,
ken their seats among the
tenarions on the platform,
ry proposed "Three cheers
A. Edison, the world's
entist." The hip, hip, hur-
out like clear-toned bells,
banners and wands kept
the harmony of voices.
carried a banner or wand
palmetto stalk and tied
ers of white and green the
making the picture one
membered.

e mottoes were fine: "To
thanks," "We will pay
n." "Progress our watch-
itch your wagon to a star."
e children depend the
l perpetuity of the State,"
en in the procession. The
girls made their own ban-
the boys helped to mount
gathered all the palmettos
er grades.

children's part on the pro-
pt. Illy, our mayor, who
of ceremonies, introduced
A. Hendry. The Captain
feelingly to the children
n, and then followed with
s of the early settlement of
As he closed, little Elis-
presented him with a bou-
utiful roses. Immediately,
irls, Lorena Stout, Elixa-
erlin, Anna Francis Shults
et Foxworthy, stepped for-
bouquets of roses which they
to Mr. Edison.

is was to speak on Good
t the time being limited he
and will show his ideas in
r than words.

Terry was the next speak-
d Roads. He is full of this
d said so many good things
d good roads and their part
elopment of the county that
ress should be published in

is A. Hendry held the crowd
gh to present a few points on
er to the Gulf, and what it
commerce.

ime had flown so rapidly, and
her hour was passed so the last
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unty," by H. E. Heitman,
taken up, and by-the-way, our
ng-house is the largest and best
pped in the country.
n adjournment there were uni-
expressions of praise and de-
Everybody, old and young,
in the happiest mood over the
s of this, the first celebration of
Myers Day.

2 p. m. the parade was formed on
nd street. This too, was as great
ss as the morning had proved.
plan of the whole celebration was
ow the progress of Fort Myers for
past twenty-five years.
Indians, a very attractive fea-

healthfulness of this county.

Capt. Gwynne's auto was also artistically draped in our national colors and bore aloft a motto of civic pride, "Fort Myers First, Last and all the time."

There were many others who would have joined the procession, but could not find men to do the work. For forty-eight hours every available carpenter and painter was busy with hammer and brush. Ted Beddo deserves special mention as he is an artist of no ordinary merit, and entered heartily into all the plans.

N. B.—"Fort Myers Day" is an established fact, and will be celebrated with great pomp, March 9th, 1911.

OLIVE E. STOUT.

High School Notes.

Dr. Hulley, president of Stetson, also of the State Teachers' Association, has promised to be present at the graduating exercises, and will give the graduating address.

The children in the second and fourth-grades are drawing and painting nasturtiums from nature.

In the third grade, they are making little flower booklets from the pressed flowers.

The graduating class, is glad that we will not pass through the tail of Halley's comet, until after commencement.

So many of the seniors attended the concert Tuesday evening, that they were not able to tell what a parallelopiped was, the next day. What is it?

The honor roll will be published in the Fort Myers PRESS, next week.

The Philomathean Society elected new officers last week. Our president is Della Wade, vice-president, Ruby Storter; secretary, Ruby Allen; sergeant-at-arms, Prof. Osterhandt; organist, Edna Ireland.

The program committee is Juliet Odam chairman, Nettie Pearl Menge and Grace Heath.

This is the last quarter of this term, and we are having splendid work done in our society. We have a weekly paper read in the society which always proves interesting. We cordially invite you all to be present at our meetings on Friday afternoons.

—Another Lyceum performance at the Royal Palm Theatre next Wednesday evening.

—Capt. and Mrs. H. F. Burnap of Toledo, Ohio, who have a cozy bungalow at the mouth of Tarpon Bay, Sanibel Island, were passengers to Key West from Punta Rassa last week, from which place they steamed via Mallory line for New York, en route home. Capt. Burnap has been in poor health for some time and went home at the advice of his physician, Dr. Hanson, who has been attending him.

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Peck, Idaho has a Chap
and it's only a little town
than 200 inhabitants. Here
they say:

"We have received many letters
ing whether the promises regard
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out, and I wish to say most emphatically 'yes, and more.' Our Chapter House is considered the prettiest little house in Nez Perces county. Our furniture has come, also our elegant library table phonograph. We are getting new members every week."

(Signed) KATHERINE L. SMITH,
Sec. Big Canon Chapter, Peck, Idaho.

Why not send and get literature telling all about the League and get a Chapter House here in Fort Myers? All subscriptions that are taken for the Fort Myers Press count on your membership at the full price. Hasn't Fort Myers 40 people that will be pioneers?

Write direct to. Mrs. E. Hutchinson the League's local representative in Fort Myers for full information, and literature will be gladly forwarded to you, or stop in our office and we will give you an application blank, and you can start your membership by taking out a subscription to the Fort Myers Press, which will count $1.50 toward your $52.00 worth of subscriptions.

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This is certainly an opportunity you cannot afford let go by, Don't put it off till tomorrow—act today.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Fort Myers Entertains Three Gentlemen of National Reputation.

Fort Myers entertained within her gates yesterday, three distinguished men of national reputation—Thomas Alva Edison, Napoleon B. Broward and Henry Watterson.

Ex-Governor Broward was here shaking hands with his host of admirers, while soliciting votes for the United States Senate, his friends and supporters being legion in Lee.

"Marse Henry" Watterson, accompanied by his wife and daughter-in-law, was en route from his winter home at Naples-on-the-Gulf to his "Old Kentucky home" at Fredericksburg, near Louisville.

The wizard Edison, with his family and members of his staff of electricians is resting at his elegant winter home, in the West end, on the bluffs of the sylph-winding Caloosahatchee, on whose sparkling waters the great inventor enjoys many a bout with the members of the finny tribe, being an enthusiastic angler.

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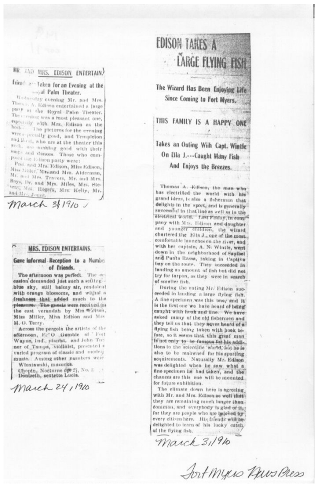

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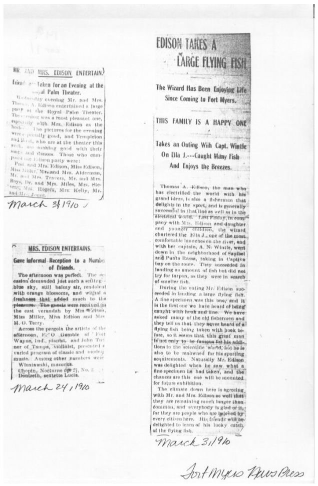

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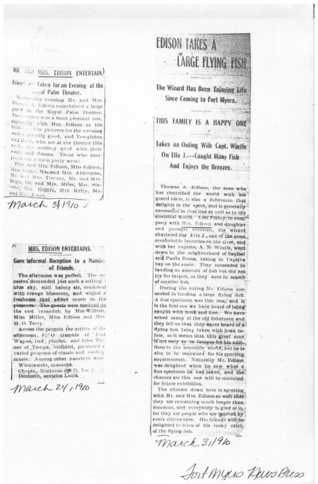

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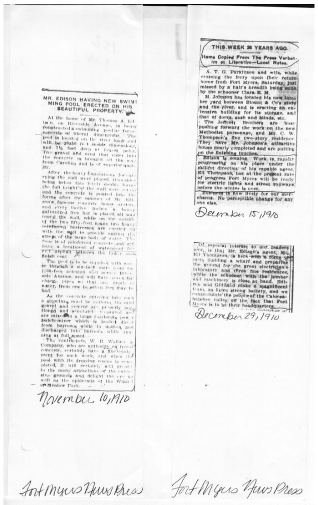

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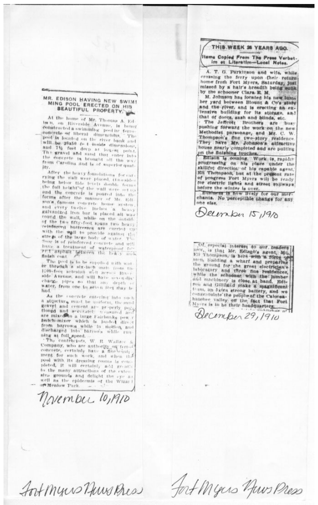

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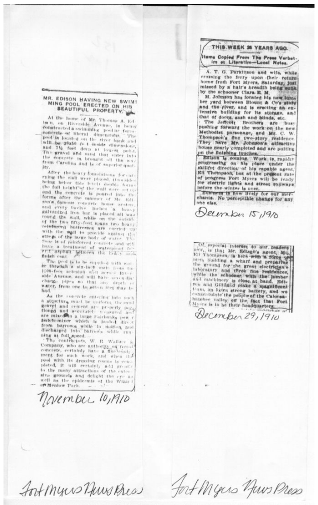

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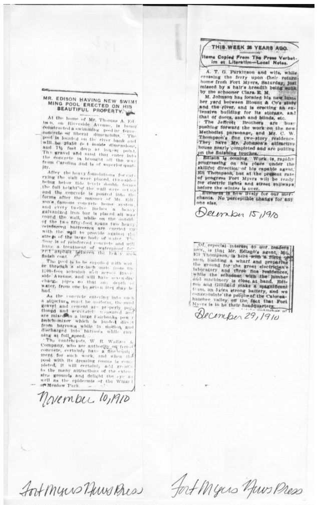

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To what extent has he added to the world-wealth? A categorical answer would be little more than a vague surmise. But statistics such as are set forth in this work enable us to form a conception of the vast influence he has exerted as a creator of valuations.

Take something concrete—"inventions capable of fairly definite estimate, the incandescent electric light and systems of distribution of electric light, heat and power. These according to the authority in hand, may justly be regarded as the crowning inventions of Edison's life." Until October 21, 1875, there was nothing in existence resembling our modern incandescent lamp. On that date the labors of Edison along one specific line of endeavor culminated in the invention of a practical incandescent electric lamp, embodying absolutely all the essentials of the lamp of to-day, thus opening to the world the doors of a new art and industry. To-day, according to our authority, there are in the United States more than 41,000,000 of these lamps, connected to existing central station circuits in actual operation.

Until 1882 there were only a few arc lighting stations. At present there are in the country over 6,000 central stations for the distribution of electric current for light, heat and power, with capital obligations amounting to not less than $1,000,000,000. Besides the incandescent, there are about 150,000 motors using about 750,000 horsepower in addition to countless fan motors and electric heating and cooking appliances, all receiving their current from these stations.

When it is stated that the gross earnings of these central stations approximate the sum of $225,000,000 yearly, the significant import of these statistics of an art that came so largely from Edison's laboratory about thirty years ago will undoubtedly be apparent.

This is to say of private plants in mills, factories, steamships, hotels, theaters, representing an approximate investment of $500,000,000 and the connection of not less than 25,000,000 incandescent lamps or their equivalent. Nor is it to speak of two-score of factories in which the incandescent lamps are made and which represent an investment that may be totaled at approximately $25,000,000.

One man didn't do it all. But there is one man who did so much of it that the mind stands fairly dazed before the results of his energy and his genius.

The Story Reads Like New.

The general story of the career of Thomas A. Edison, his rise from newsboy to Hall of Fame proportions as a national character, is familiar as a household word. But here the delightful chapters are retold with added touches of real-life interest and with the stamp of veracity. He has been a boon companion, non-professional mimic, actor and story-teller, keenly alive always to the comic and the dramatic in every situation. Many of the incidents of his long and romantic career will have the charm of novelty to most readers, while others will sparkle in their eyes as gems recut and freshly polished.

He was not so poor in early life as the conventional narratives make him out to be. He did not have very much schooling in our sense of the term—in fact, only three months in a public school at Port Huron, Mich.,—but his mother, we are told, was a highly educated woman and did not neglect to lead his youthful steps along the paths of knowledge and wisdom. He was born on February 11, 1847 [illegible] Milan, Ohio, his father, John Edison, having fled from Canada five years before that to escape from the results of taking part in a revolt against the government. Thomas remembers a visit to Vienna when he was five years old. He was taken there to see his grandfather, then in the last year of his life—his one hundred and second. This grandfather's name was Samuel. Samuel's father, Thomas, was a well-to-do banker of Manhattan in Revolutionary days and signed his name to the Continental currency. His ancestors came here from Holland in 1830. Thomas Alva Edison did not get his middle name from the Duke of Alva the arch-enemy of the Dutch, but from Capt. Alva Bradley, a wealthy ship-owner of the Great Lakes.

Such is a bare glimpse of some of the features of this notable biography. Of especial interest to Newarkers will be a record of activities when he had his "large shop" as he calls it, at 10-12 Ward Street, this city.

"Some notion of his ceaseless activities may be formed from the fact that he started no fewer than three shops in Newark during 1870-71, and while directing these was also engaged by the men who controlled the Automatic Telegraph Company, of New York, which had a circuit to Washington—to help it out of its difficulties."

The Sage of Llewellyn Park has hundreds of "dormant inventions" on his hands.

"Don't you feel a sense of regret [illegible] being obliged to leave so many things uncompleted?"

To which he replies:

"What's the use?—One lifetime is too short, and I am busy every day improving essential parts of my established industries."

He repudiates attributing his successes to "genius," as we use the term. Witness his historic remark:

"Genius is 1 per cent. inspiration and 99 per cent. perspiration."

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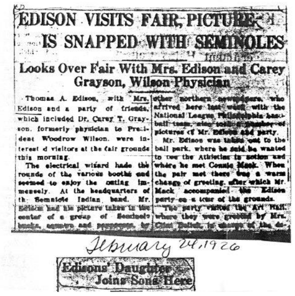

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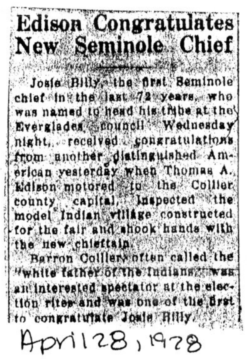

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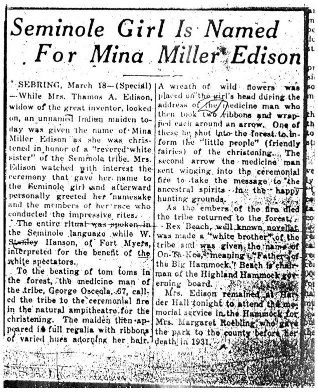

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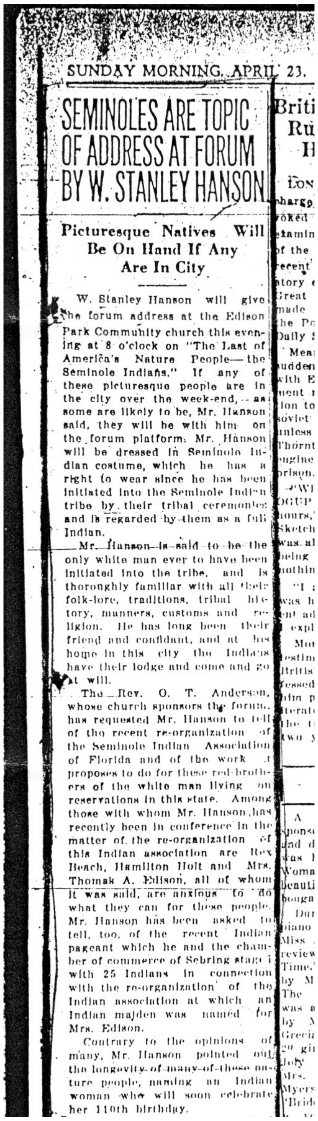

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 23.

SEMINOLES ARE TOPIC OF ADDRESS AT FORUM BY W. STANLEY HANSON

Picturesque Natives Will Be On Hand If Any Are In City

W. Stanley Hanson will give the forum address at the Edison Park Community church this evening at 8 o'clock on "The Last of America's Nature People—the Seminole Indians." If any of these picturesque people are in the city over the week-end, as some are likely to be, Mr. Hanson said, they will be with him on the forum platform. Mr. Hanson will be dressed in Seminole Indian costume, which he has a right to wear since he has been initiated into the Seminole Indian tribe by their tribal ceremonies and is regarded by them as a full Indian.

Mr. Hanson is said to be the only white man ever to have been initiated into the tribe, and is thoroughly familiar with all their folk-lore, traditions, tribal history, manners, customs and religion. He has long been their friend and confidant, and at his home in this city the Indians have their lodge and come and go at will.

The Rev. O. T. Anderson, whose church sponsors the forum, has requested Mr. Hanson to tell of the recent re-organization of the Seminole Indian Association of Florida and of the work it proposes to do for these red-brothers of the white man living on reservations in this state. Among those with whom Mr. Hanson has recently been in conference in the matter of the re-organization of this Indian association are Rex Beach, Hamilton Holt and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, all of whom it was said, are anxious to do what they can for these people. Mr. Hanson has been asked to tell, too, of the recent Indian pageant which he and the chamber of commerce of Sebring staged with 25 Indians in connection with the re-organization of the Indian association at which an Indian maiden was named for Mrs. Edison.

Contrary to the opinions of many, Mr. Hanson pointed out the longevity of many of these nature people, naming an Indian woman who will soon celebrate her 110th birthday.

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SEMINOLES ARE TOPIC OF ADDRESS AT FORUM BY W. STANLEY HANSON

Picturesque Natives Will Be On Hand If Any Are In City

W. Stanley Hanson will give the forum address at the Edison Park Community church this evening at 8 o'clock on "The Last of America's Nature People—the Seminole Indians." If any of these picturesque people are in the city over the week-end, as some are likely to be, Mr. Hanson said, they will be with him on the forum platform. Mr. Hanson will be dressed in Seminole Indian costume, which he has a right to wear since he has been initiated into the Seminole Indian tribe by their tribal ceremonies and is regarded by them as a full Indian.

Mr. Hanson is said to be the only white man ever to have been initiated into the tribe, and is thoroughly familiar with all their folk-lore, traditions, tribal history, manners, customs and religion. He has long been their friend and confidant, and at his home in this city the Indians have their lodge and come and go at will.

The Rev. O. T. Anderson, whose church sponsors the forum, has requested Mr. Hanson to tell of the recent re-organization of the Seminole Indian Association of Florida and of the work it proposes to do for these red brothers of the white man living on reservations in this state. Among those with whom Mr. Hanson has recently been in conference in the matter of the re-organization of this Indian association are Rex Beach, Hamilton Holt and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, all of whom it was said, are anxious to do what they can for these people. Mr. Hanson has been asked to tell, too, of the recent Indian pageant which he and the chamber of commerce of Sebring staged with 25 Indians in connection with the re-organization of the Indian association at which an Indian maiden was named for Mrs. Edison.

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The Rev. Anderson said he had tried to arrange for the address on the Seminole Indians during the peak of the tourist season, but that Mr. Hanson had been away until recently in connection with his work for the Indians.

Following the forum address, questions may be asked from the audience. If any Indians are present, Mr. Hanson will converse with them in their native language, interpreting it for the congregation.

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